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Domenic Caruso reacts to a close call while watching the Euro 2012 Spain-Italy match at Café Diplomatico on College Street on Sunday. Italy took the lead when forward Antonio Di Natale scored in the 61st minute, but Spain equalized just a few minutes later. The game ended in a 1-1 draw. More coverage, page 28. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ford 'pretty sure' bag-ban lawsuit is in the works

Question of legality. Mayor says he's had 'a few phone calls' from people who say they will take the city to court over the plastic-bag issue

Mayor Rob Ford said Sunday that he has been informed of an impending legal challenge to council's ban on plastic shopping bags.

"Will we be challenged in court? I'm pretty sure. We probably are as we speak being challenged. I don't know if the people know about that. Are we going to be? Well, I've had a few phone calls coming into my office from certain individuals that said yes, we're taking you to court," he said on his NewsTalk 1010 radio show.

Ford did not identify the individuals. The lobby groups for the plastics and retail industry said last week that they were still contemplating their options.

Ford softened somewhat on the legality of the ban. He said last week that he was confident it would be thrown out in court; he said Sunday that he wasn't sure what would happen.

Ford again blasted council for the surprise decision, which came without any notice or public consultation during a debate on Ford's effort to scrap the mandatory bag fee. But he faced unusually blunt criticism from callers over his own failure to prevent the vote from occurring.

"Why did this come up as some big surprise? Why are we blaming this on the rest of council?" asked one caller.

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NewsTalk 1010

"You guys really need to learn how to engage with the other councillors.... I know you're nice people and they all like you, but shame on you for not knowing how people were gonna vote."

A caller named Mel who seemed to blame the mayor and Coun. Ford for the bag ban

Dog dies in really hot car

Two people face animal-cruelty charges after the Labrador mix was seen in distress in a Vaughan Mills parking lot PAGE 3

Police protect the Grand Prix

Montreal cops clamp down on attempts to disrupt the Formula One race, arresting 34 people and clashing with protesters PAGE 6

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Two charged after dog dies in locked car

Vaughan Mills mall. Man, woman in their 20s face animal-cruelty charges

As temperatures soared, a chocolate Labrador mix died in the backseat of a parked car Sunday afternoon at Vaughan Mills shopping centre.

A passerby spotted the dog in distress around 2:15 p.m. and notified mall security.

A security guard said his colleagues were called to the south end of the parking lot near Bass Pro Mills Drive and notified emergency services. He said he's never heard of a similar occurrence in his three years on the job.

York police say security personnel tried to splash water through a small opening in the window of the silver four-door Dodge Avenger. Fire crews later broke open the back-left window after the dog had fallen unconscious.

The mercury soared to 32 C in Vaughan on Sunday, but the temperature inside the vehicle would have been much higher.

The Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals says a dog's normal body temperature is about 39 C and that dogs can only stand being 41 C for a short time before irreparable brain damage or death occurs.

Officials tried in vain to resuscitate the dog and impounded the car. A 21-year-old man and 20-year-old woman were both charged with causing unnecessary suffering to animals under the Criminal Code and will appear in court July 10.

"It's such a tragedy. We hear about it every year," said Barbara Steinhoff of the Toronto Humane Society. "They probably thought they were just gonna run in and run out, and in the end it's a preventable tragedy."

Dogs release heat slowly through panting, as they have no pores. While open windows and a bowl of water can help, Steinhoff said it's safest to leave dogs at home.

She said most cases happen when people are delayed after planning to only be gone a few minutes.

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Riders upset after VIA decides to charge fees for station parking

Toronto area VIA commuters are furious the passenger-rail service is about to begin charging parking fees at some stations, just as it's also on the cusp of eliminating its long-standing flexible-ticket policy.

Signs have been posted at the Brantford station announcing that, starting Aug. 7, parking will cost $4 for 12 hours; $6 for 24 hours; $34 a week and $65 a month starting Aug. 1. But 10 spots will be set aside for one hour of free parking.

VIA also plans to eliminate the prepaid flexible tickets that allow commuters to hop on whatever train best suits their schedule. No date has been set for that change, but it will probably occur in the fall.

Brantford commuter Anna Wilkinson pays $330 plus tax for a 20-ride pass — 10 round trips from Brantford.

"I am disgusted that VIA is treating the hundreds of us who use the service every day as nothing of importance to them," she said. "I will not pay the parking; I will either get a drive from my husband or take a bus, but I refuse to pay when it is clearly a money grab."

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North Toronto

Toronto bike cop hurt in alleged hit-and-run

A man has been charged with impaired driving in an alleged hit-and-run involving a Toronto police officer.

Police say the officer was patrolling on a bicycle Saturday night when he was hit by a vehicle (at Finch Avenue and Highway 400) in the north end of the city.

The officer suffered non-life-threatening injuries to his arms.

The suspect is also charged with dangerous driving and failure to remain at the scene of an accident. THE CANADIAN PRESS

City Coun. Doug Ford apologized on sunday after using an anti-Polish slur at the beginning of his and Mayor Rob Ford's Newstalk 1010 radio show.
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Slur. Doug Ford apologizes for using derogatory term

Coun. Doug Ford used an anti-Polish slur on Sunday to refer to the wife of his brother, Mayor Rob Ford, then apologized.

Doug Ford made the comment during a discussion of the European soccer championship at the beginning of their weekly NewsTalk 1010 radio show.

"There's always so much action during the Euro Cup in Toronto, because we come from such diverse communities. That's what makes Toronto," Doug Ford said.

"They're so many great teams, I wouldn't want to pick one over the other. I guess (in the) Euro, you go back to the ancestors — boy, we go back quite a ways, but I'm not too sure — is there any WASPy teams on there? We're just Canadian," he said with a laugh. "Anyways — well, you're married to the Polack, so you gotta cheer for the Polish team."

Rob Ford's wife, Renata, is of Polish descent. The mayor didn't seem perturbed, saying simply that Renata isn't a sports fan. With a minute left in the show, Doug Ford apologized to Renata, whom he then referred to as Rob Ford's "Polish little princess," and his "extended Polish family."

"I didn't realize it was derogatory. But anyways, my sincerest apologies, 'cause I love our Polish friends. I'm sure Renata's gonna give me a good beatin', and her parents, when I come over and watch the soccer game." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

1 NEWS

On the web

Popular pastor denies choking daughter

Megachurch pastor Creflo Dollar denied Sunday that he punched and choked his 15-year-old daughter in an argument, telling his congregation the allegations made in a police report are nothing but "exaggeration and sensationalism." Watch church members' reactions at metronews.ca.

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News in pictures

1 Heroism. Honoured

Karen McQuade, 32, and Philip Grosbeck, 34, were among 52 community members who received awards from Toronto police on Sunday. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

2 Insomnia. Afraid of the dark?

New research done at Ryerson suggests fear of the dark may be behind the sleepless nights that some insomniacs experience. It could be good news for these insomniacs as phobias like fear of the dark can be successfully treated with cognitive behavioural therapy, said researcher Colleen Carney.
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3 1st winner. Angel Yuen Man Lai

Canadian Memory Championship competitors had five minutes to memorize a shuffled deck of cards, then they had five minutes to put a shuffled deck into that order.
STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

4 'Big box'. Fatigue

More than 400 people have signed a petition calling for no more big box stores on Laird Drive.
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5 Woofstock. Weekend dog fest

Monica, a Chinese crested dog, sports a tutu on the runway at a fashion show at Woofstock on Sunday.
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Local micro-donation company a big winner in Branson contest

Raise5. Co-founder to meet billionaire, wants to learn how to balance work with fun

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Love-letter-writing services, international care packages and teddy bear sing-a-grams have won a Toronto-based fundraising company the Sir Richard Branson seal of approval.

Raise5 works on micro-donations. Someone donates their time — either to give lessons, share their expertise or anything they can offer — and in return, the $5 someone spends on their service is donated to a good cause.

Because of this idea, Raise5's co-founder Mike Tang will now get a chance to meet Branson in person and learn a little from the Virgin tycoon.

"I never thought one day I'd be meeting Sir Richard Branson, talking about business with him; it's just a crazy feeling," said Tang, who will be heading to the British billionaire's private game reserve in South Africa early next year — the ultimate prize in Branson's global Screw Business As Usual competition.

The first question Tang plans on asking the business tycoon?

"Right now, I'm just doing Raise5 and I find myself heavily invested, seven days a week," said Tang, who officially launched his business in February. "He's always going on crazy adventures: Skydiving, going to space.... How does he balance everything with his personal life?"

Tang said his business idea was born when he realized there were a lot of people who were interested in doing good, but didn't have the financial means.

But building a business on a brand-new idea was risky, said Tang.

"You're not sure what you're entering into," he said. "When you're doing something new, there's always doubt in your mind in the beginning. But if you believe in it, if you think you'll succeed and you focus on it, then I guess it will happen."

Mike Tang, left, and the rest of the Raise5 team officially launched their business in February. After winning the Screw Business as Usual competition, Tang will be heading to South Africa to meet with Sir Richard Branson early next year. PHOEBE HO/FOR METRO

Not business as usual

500

Raise5 beat out more than 500 innovative and socially responsible business ideas, including a solar-powered football and the world's most ethical pants.

Natural burial. New site opens in Meadowvale

You've heard of greening your life. But an increasing number of people are now planning to be eco-conscious even in death.

Called natural burial, the eco-friendly final resting place is a plot of land in a field, and little else. No chemical embalming process, no lacquered casket, and in some cases, not even a tombstone.

"The underlying principal is to allow the human remains to return to the earth as naturally as possible," said Rick Cowan, spokesperson with Mount Pleasant Group of Cemeteries.

On Monday, the company's Brampton cemetery, Meadowvale, opens the GTA's first natural-burial site.

While the practice has become widespread in Europe — the first site opened in the U.K. 20 years ago — it's only beginning to catch on in North America. Meadowvale's half-acre site is believed to be the third official natural-burial place in Canada.

Not all sites agree on what constitutes a natural burial. It's up to each cemetery to make decisions about, for instance, what types of materials can be used to contain the body, Cowan said.

Mount Pleasant Group took two years to draft its rules. Among them: A casket can be used, provided it's made of biodegradable materials and not treated with varnish. Embalming can take place, so long as it's not done with formaldehyde or other, non-biodegradable chemicals.

While cremation is frowned upon by some environmental groups — the process uses about 27 litres of natural gas per body, according to the Natural Burial Association — it will be allowed at Meadowvale, though the container is required to be biodegradable.

What won't be permitted are tombstones. The cemetery wants the plot to remain "pristine," Cowan said, and other than narrow pathways down to grave locations, the natural grass and indigenous flowers they have planted will not be cut. Graves will be identified only with a small numbered marker in the grass.

In place of tombstones, the cemetery has installed four granite obelisks where names can be inscribed.
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Meadowvale cemetery is opening up a natural burial site, the third one in Canada, on Monday. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Montreal police keep subway running despite Grand Prix disruption threat

Student uprising. Police criticized for 'preventative' measures that kept potential protesters away from race site on island

Police use pepper spray and fight with protesters during an arrest near the Montreal Grand Prix festival area on Sunday. PETER MCCABE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Montreal police clamped down on any attempt to disrupt the subway line running to the city's Formula One Grand Prix race Sunday, arresting 34 people and forcing dozens more from the off-shore island where the race was held.

There were no major incidents despite plans by an anti-capitalist group — promoted on a student association website — to disrupt the subway line that shuttled thousands of fans to the Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve.

Officers were posted at throughout the subway system, with sniffer dogs and a line of police at the station only steps from the track.

But police were criticized for searches and arrests that police called "a preventive measure."

"Some of those arrested were people police recognized from earlier student demonstrations that had been deemed illegal," district commander Alain Simoneau told reporters. "In the interest of public safety, we decided to detain these people."

Masks, rocks and knives were among the objects seized. Most of those arrested will be released without charge, while others arrested in neighbouring suburbs could be charged, Simoneau said.

Police presence was high leading up to the race. A Canadian Press reporter who didn't have a Grand Prix ticket wasn't allowed onto the island where the race is being held and was forced back onto the subway along with several other people.

Several people, many of them wearing red squares, the emblem of the student movement, were seen being forcibly escorted back onto the subway by police.

One young woman in tears said she was planning to get her ticket when she met up with a friend in front of the track. The woman, who had dyed red hair, accused the police of "profiling." Police said about 40 people were forced back in all.

An Ottawa man headed to the race said he felt the police had an obligation to ensure the event went off smoothly. He said while he supports the right to protest, disrupting the transit system was out of line.

"It should be a peaceful event," said Ali Fadelalla. "Lots of tourists come from all over the world. If people start to disrupt the race it's not good for the country or the province."

There has been a heightened police presence throughout the four-day Grand Prix festivities in downtown Montreal and at the racetrack itself. The event has become the target of demonstrations against student tuition-fee increases and capitalism in general.

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Alberta

Oil spill could have been worse: Pipeline company

A representative for the company whose pipeline spilled hundreds of thousands of litres of oil into an Alberta river suggests there were two lucky breaks that kept it from being worse.

Stephen Bart, the vice-president of crude oil operations for Plains Midstream Canada, says the first piece of good luck was that the pipeline wasn't flowing at the time. Bart says the second was that the Red Deer River was swollen with recent rain, and that washed the oil to the Gleniffer Reservoir where it can be more easily contained by booms. Plains Midstream Canada has estimates between 1,000 and 3,000 barrels of oil spilled Thursday.

Bart says people on are foot looking for wildlife that may have been affected by the spill, but there are few reports of injured animals so far. The company has been providing bottled water to people who draw their drinking water directly from the river and the reservoir.

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For Wallenda, Niagara walk is a dream come true

On Friday, Nik Wallenda will walk a tightrope across Niagara Falls from the U.S. to Canada. This photo is from a practice session in the parking lot of the Seneca Hotel and Casino on the U.S. side. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Nik Wallenda can't visit a new place without envisioning a wire strung high above his head. Even as a six-year-old at Niagara Falls with his parents, he pictured walking a tightrope over the raging, whitewater maw.

Now 33, he's ready to live out that childhood fantasy when he attempts Friday to become the first person ever to walk a tightrope directly over the brink of Niagara Falls.

"It's just natural," Wallenda, a seventh-generation member of the famed Flying Wallendas, explained. "When I drive into a city, I'm always thinking, 'It would be cool to do a walk there.' It's just the way I think and always have."

The daredevil is youthful and athletic, solidly built from gym workouts and a lifetime of training.

But it's the mental element, trusting in his skill and tuning out the potential danger, that can mean the difference between success and failure.

"You can either talk yourself out of doing something or you can talk yourself into doing something," he said.

Since first stepping on a wire when he was two, Wallenda, who lives in Sarasota, Fla., has earned six Guinness World Records. His family has been performing for audiences at circus-style shows for more than 200 years.

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The Niagara Falls walk set for Friday night, above an almost 60-metre drop and through potentially high winds and vision-obscuring mist, will be unlike anything he's ever done. Because it's over water, the two-inch wire won't have the usual stabilizer cables to keep it from swinging. Pendulum anchors are designed to keep it from twisting under his elk-skin-soled shoes on the 550-metre walk from the U.S. shore to Canada.

"The thing about this cable, it's unique to me even, and because of that I'll be very, very focused on it," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rail collision. 2 children killed as family van hit

Catastrophe befell an Ontario family Sunday as the van they were in was struck by a train east of Windsor, killing two young sisters and leaving their brother clinging to life.

Ontario Provincial Police said the accident involving a CP Rail freight train occurred at a level crossing outside the town of Lakeshore, where police said the family is from.

Police identified the dead children as Wynter Williams, 6, and her sister, Brooklyn, 3.

Their brother, Dryden Williams, 4, was taken to a Detroit hospital with serious, life-threatening injuries, police said in a news release.

The children's father, Andrew Williams, was in a Windsor hospital with serious, life-threatening injuries.

The youngest passenger, one-year-old Jasmyn Williams, received minor injuries.

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Gay pride. First Alberta premier attends event

There were cheers at Edmonton's Gay Pride festival Saturday as Alison Redford became the first Alberta premier to participate in the annual event.

Redford spoke to the crowd in the city's downtown following the pride parade, and several thousand people filled the square as she took the stage and donned a rainbow sash. "Personally, it's a privilege to be able to be here to celebrate community, diversity, families,

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"I think we'll see a very different reaction ... from politicians from here on in." Pride organizer Michael Phair

tolerance and an Alberta for 2012 where all of us feel safe, secure and confident about expressing who we are," she said.

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HIV tests. It took weeks to inform parents: Mom

The mother of a teenaged girl who is among 80 aboriginal students being tested for hepatitis and HIV says weeks passed before she was informed about the need for the tests.

Rosalind Monias says she only found out Friday that her 17-year-old daughter was one of the students who received a faulty diabetes screening early last month.

A University of Manitoba professor talked to students at Southeast Collegiate in Winnipeg on May 4 about diabetes and used a glucometer to test blood-sugar levels.

A university spokesman says the professor changed the needle used on each person, but failed to realize that the part that holds the needle must also be changed.

Many of the students were then given screenings for HIV and hepatitis as a precaution.

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Egypt government pulls xenophobic ads

TV spots. Public-service announcements, called 'deceptive' by one activist, encourage suspicion of foreigners

Egypt's government has pulled TV public-service announcements that warned against talking to foreigners because they might be spies, after critics charged the spots fuelled xenophobia and aimed to tarnish those behind last year's uprising.

The two spots ran on state and private television stations for a few days before Minister of Information Ahmed Anis ordered them off the air, a media official said Sunday.

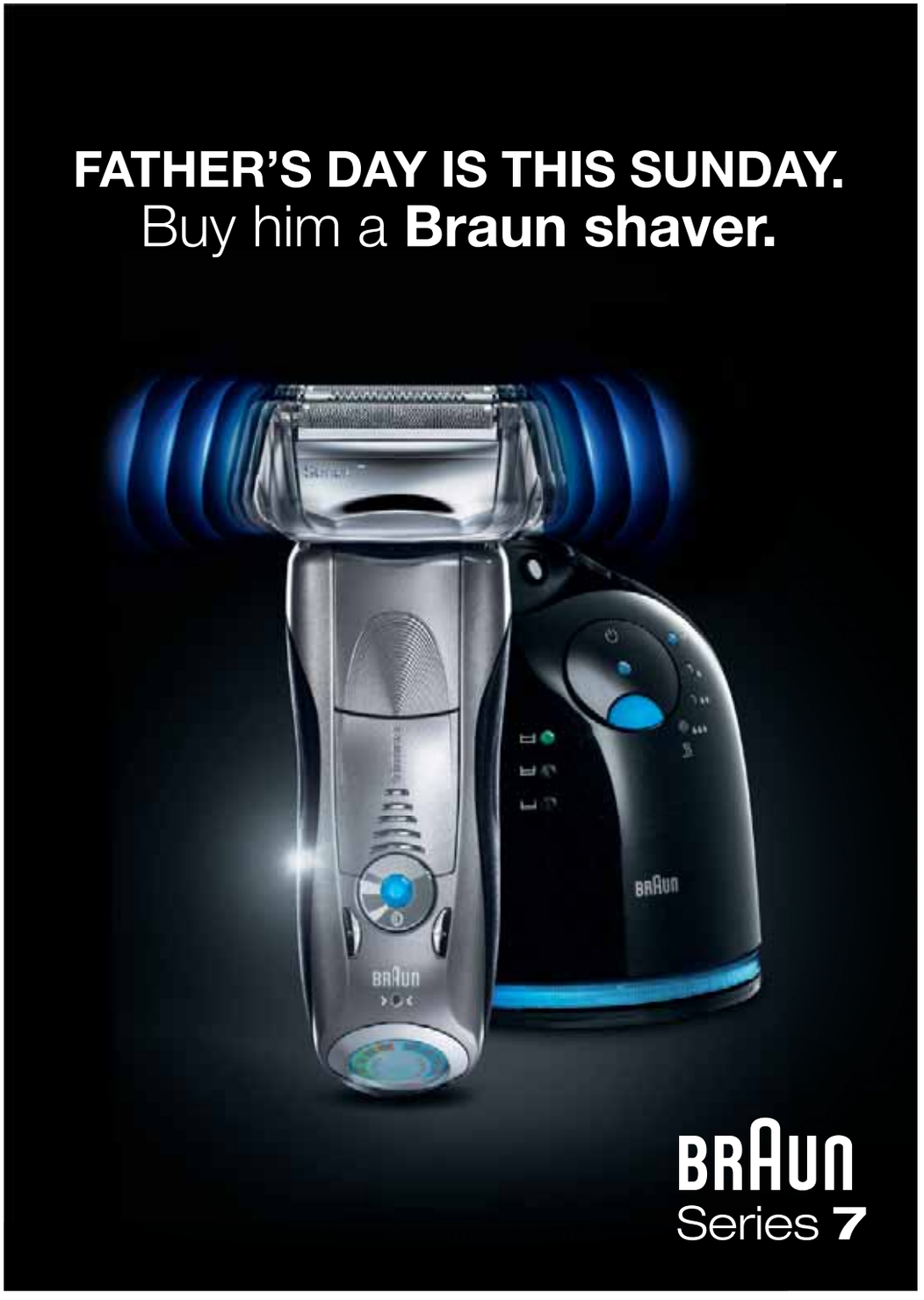
One opens with a blond-haired young man scanning a café while a narrator says:

"From the beginning, he knows why he is here and sets up his goal. He won't have to spend much time getting to know the people in the place." The foreigner then spots three young Egyptians and heads over to them, saying in broken Arabic: "I love you so much." The narrator says: "Our generosity has no limits" as one of the Egyptians stands up, shakes hands and invites the foreigner to sit with them.

It goes on to show the visitor smiling slyly and narrowing his eyes while listening intently to the Egyptians complaining about the economy and talking about overhearing a plot against the ruling military council. The narrator warns Egyptians not to share with outsiders their woes about the economy or political situation.

Some among the public have mixed feelings about foreigners. At the same time, they worry about losing the country's main source of income, tourism. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A video image from an Egyptian public-service announcement reads: "Every word has a price, one word can save a nation." EGYPTIAN STATE TV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Last days?

Mubarak's health 'in decline'

Hosni Mubarak is slipping in and out of consciousness eight days after the ousted Egyptian leader was sent to prison to begin serving a life sentence, a security official said on Sunday.

With rumours of the former president's death spreading rapidly, authorities granted his wife, former first lady Suzanne Mubarak, and the couple's two daughters-in-law special permission to visit him in Cairo's Torah prison early that morning.

"The former president's health is in decline, but now it's stable in its deteriorated state," the official said. Since his wife's visit, Mubarak has suffered from an irregular heartbeat and required assistance in breathing.

The official said that the former president now lives only on liquids and yogurt. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Authorities have turned down requests by Mubarak's family to transfer the ousted president back to a military facility. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mourning as protest

Protesters wear white dresses and cover eyes with white cloths to mourn the death of Chinese activist Li Wangyang during a protest march in Hong Kong, Sunday. Li, imprisoned for two decades, died in a hospital Wednesday, and a relative raised doubt on the official explanation that he had hanged himself.

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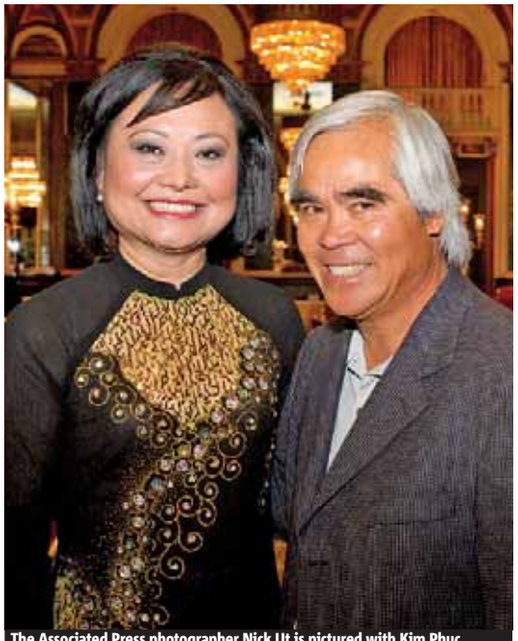
Forgiveness wasn't easy for woman in iconic Vietnam pic



The Associated Press photographer Nick Ut is pictured with Kim Phuc Phan Thi ahead of a tribute dinner in Toronto on Friday. Ut shot an iconic photo of Phan Thi in 1972 after the Vietnamese village of Trang Bang suffered a napalm attack. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hatred. Bombing changed view of the war, and left her scarred for life

A woman who came to symbolize the horrors of the Vietnam War said she thought she would "die of hatred" after the bombing that left her scarred for life.

Though she eventually learned to forgive those behind the attack — and the brutal conflict that spurred it — Kim Phuc Phan Thi vowed she would never forget the terrible consequences of war.

That she survived the raid was "an accident of history," she said on the 40th anniversary of the photo that made her famous.

"I'll never forget my two cousins who were killed in that napalm fire and I'll never forget the millions of innocent victims who live their lives with the daily threat of violence and war," she said.

Kim Phuc was only nine years old when she was photographed fleeing a napalm strike on her village in South Vietnam on June 8, 1972.

The image of her running naked down a road captured worldwide attention and later won a Pulitzer Prize.

Recovering from the physical and emotional wounds she suffered took years, Kim Phuc said, thanking the journalists, nurses, doctors and loved ones who came to her aid in the decades since the bombing.

"In order to be really free, I had to learn to forgive," she said in an emotional speech punctuated by tears.

Kim Phuc and her husband came to Canada in 1992 and now live in the Toronto area.

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"A moment captured on film turned one child's atrocity into a story of hope and survival."

Kim Phuc Phan Thi
On the photo that changed her life

Budget. Potential for long week as Speaker set to rule on stall tactics

Opposition politicians throwing hundreds of amendments at the Conservatives' omnibus budget bill are set to find out which ones are going to stick.

What could be a marathon week in the House of Commons begins Monday, with the Speaker expected to decide how over 1,000 changes proposed to Bill C-38, the government's budget implementation bill, will be dealt with in the House.

The government argues all legislation contained within the bill is to the economic benefit of the country, but critics say jamming so many major changes into a single bill means they aren't getting the scrutiny they require.

But with a Conservative majority, the bill is set to pass, so all the Opposition parties have pulled procedural rabbits of their hats.

The New Democrats and the Liberals gave notice of over 1,000 amendments seeking to delete various clauses of the bill. Technically, a vote is required on each one, which could keep the Commons sitting, around the clock, for days.

Really big bill

The 400-plus pages of legislation amends some 70 laws, including the process for environmental assessment and the rules around old age security and Employment Insurance.

"The content is flawed in many respects and they just want to bulldoze through the whole process," said NDP deputy finance critic Guy Caron.

Both parties had also suggested changes at the committee studying the bill, but those were rejected by the Tories.

On Monday, the Liberals will try anew, asking for elements relating to fisheries, environmental assessment, EI and old age security removed and introduced as separate legislation.

Conservative House Leader Peter Van Loan suggested the government may look at some of the proposed changes, but argued the lion's share are merely procedural games.

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Rookie MP moonlights to maintain medical credentials

"What do I want to be when I grow up?"

Dr. Kellie Leitch repeats the cheeky question aloud, laughing easily as she buys time for a response.

For the rookie Conservative MP from Ontario, rising star in the government ranks and parliamentary secretary to the minister of labour, it is no idle inquiry.

Her career paths seem limitless.

Leitch, 41, is being interviewed at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, where she moonlights as a volunteer pediatric orthopedic surgeon between parrying questions in the House of Commons, voting on bills, arguing policy on committees and travelling to her Simcoe-Grey riding for constituency work.

Her unpaid time at the hospital, known as CHEO, allows Leitch to maintain her surgeon's credentials while she masters the art of electoral politics.

"I don't know if I was confident that I'd always be able to keep a foot in both worlds, but I always was hopeful that I would," Leitch says of her decision to seek office.

When she won the nomination after the downfall and expulsion of Helena Guergis from the Conservative caucus, Leitch says people regularly raised the problem of physician shortages and whether she could better serve the public in her trained profession.

In order to maintain her credentials, Leitch visits the hospital two or three mornings a week for rounds before reporting to her day job at 9 a.m.

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Conservative MP Dr. Kellie Leitch
FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Attacks on Christian churches rock Nigeria

Sectarian violence.
Suicide car bomber, gunman kill six and wound more than 40

A suicide car bomber detonated his explosives Sunday outside a church in central Nigeria as gunmen attacked another church in the nation's northeast, killing at least six people and wounding dozens of others in the latest attacks targeting Christian worshippers in a nation that is increasingly divided by faith, officials and witnesses said.

A radical Islamist sect known as Boko Haram claimed responsibility for the attacks.

The violence in hard-hit northeastern Borno state comes as almost every weekend this year has seen churches targeted by Boko Haram and other assailants, exacerbating the country's unease.

After the attack, angry youths surrounded the area, striking out at Muslims. In addition to those killed, more than 40 others were wounded.

In Jos, religious rioting and violence has killed thousands in the last decade, though the attacks often take root in political and economic disputes between many ethnic groups in the region. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Factions

Nigeria, a nation of more than 160 million, is divided between a largely Muslim north and a Christian south.

- Boko Haram attacks have inflamed tensions between the two religions, though many in both faiths live peacefully with each other and intermarry in Africa's most populous nation.
- Churches across the country now receive additional military and police protection, and they use metal-detecting wands to check worshippers.

Brussels street claimed

A man prepares sausages on a barbecue as people take part in a picnic on one of the busiest streets in Brussels, Sunday. Protesters demanded more public space for pedestrians and cyclists in Brussels and claimed the street for the picnic. YVES LOGGHE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Greece and Turkey

Earthquake shakes Isle of Rhodes and parts of Turkey

A powerful earthquake shook the Greek island of Rhodes and southwestern Turkey on Sunday. There were no reports of deaths or serious damage, but officials said six people were hurt in Turkey by jumping out of buildings.

The Athens Geodynamic Institute says the quake, with a preliminary magnitude of 5.8, struck at a depth of 37 kilometres in the Aegean Sea on Sunday. It struck between the Greek island of Rhodes and western Turkey.

Turkey's Kandilli Observatory gave a stronger preliminary magnitude of 6.0, with aftershocks.

Areas of Turkey shaken by the quake included the resort town of Oludeniz, the Aegean port of Izmir, and the city of Antalya. Police in Rhodes said there were no injuries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

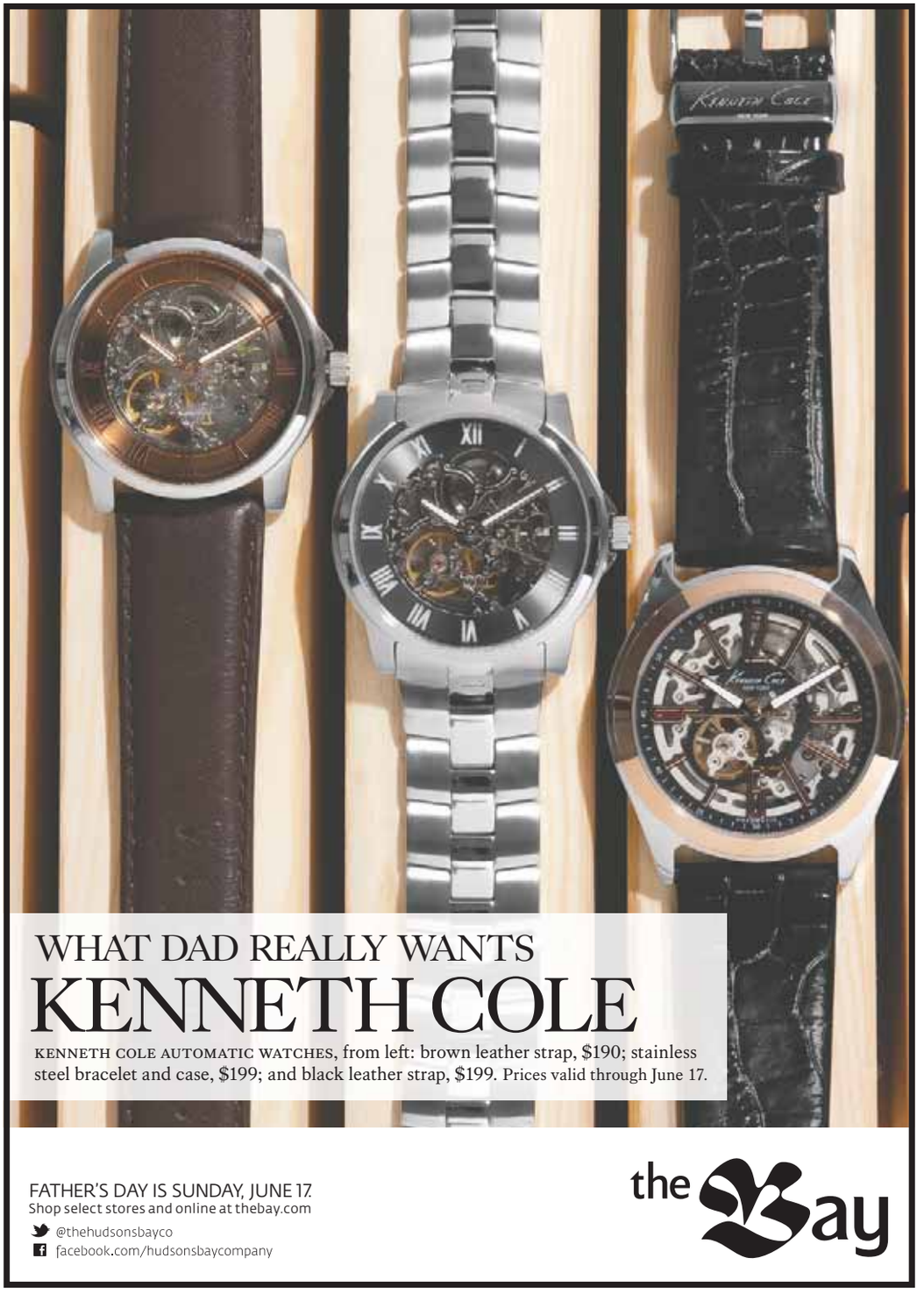
Ukraine

PM's daughter to speak out

Germany's justice ministers are set to meet the daughter of Ukraine's imprisoned former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko this week.

Eugenia Tymoshenko will discuss her mother's fate with the ministers from the country's 16 states and their counterpart from the federal government on Wednesday in Wiesbaden. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eugenia Tymoshenko, daughter of jailed former Ukrainian PM Yulia Tymoshenko. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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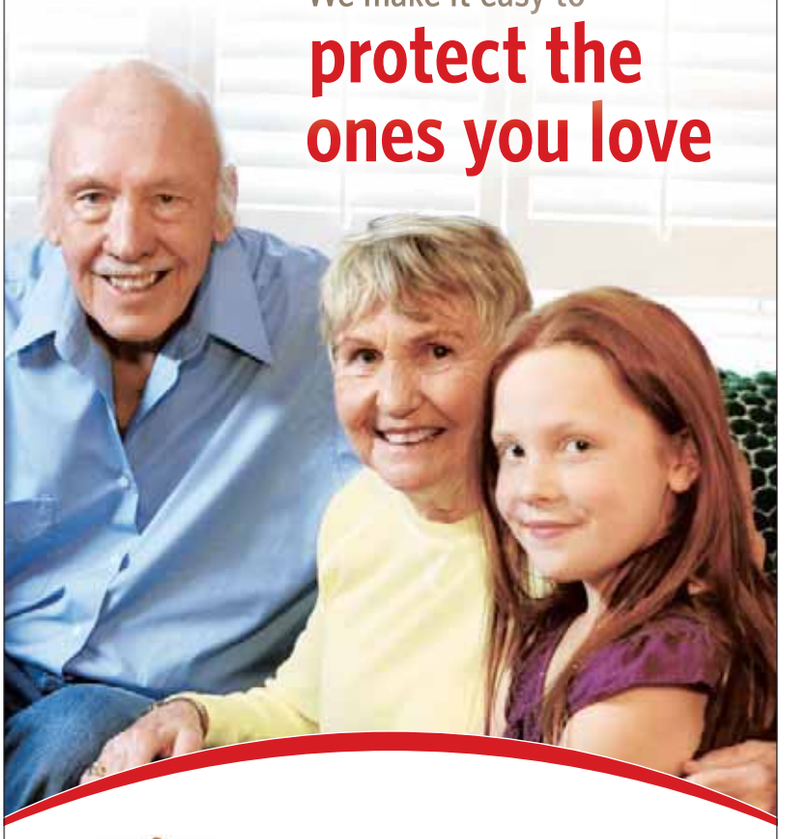

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Maddening lines get worse at Heathrow

Britain. Olympics only 50 days away and Brits worry tourists may not keep a stiff upper lip about the really long queues

The first taste of British life for most travellers landing at Heathrow Airport these days is the queue.

That long line snaking back and forth to passport control can be maddening, and even the British — masters at manners when it comes to waiting in line — are beginning to lose their patience.

All the bad news about lines last month sparked concerns about the fate of tourists arriving for the Olympics.

'Listen up'

Take Joan Collins, the actress who describes herself on her Twitter feed as "Much Travelled. Exhausted," was shocked when she passed through Heathrow last month. She had a message for Home Secretary, Theresa May. "Arrived LHR after great trip on @British Airways but 1000s waiting at passport control - listen up Ms. May - need more officers!"

With the games less than 50 days away, the bad press about lines unsettled British authorities, who have been falling all over themselves to make sure that everything is ready and moving smoothly for the sporting extravaganza.

More people than ever used Heathrow last year — nearly 70-million passengers — straining an arrivals process that relies on traditional, staffed immigration desks, according to Ben Vogel, the editor of IHS Jane's Airport Review.

Those lines have been blamed on the government, the airline schedules — and even the wind.

The relentless bad publicity has been painful for Heathrow — even though it is the border agency, not the airport operator which is responsible for slimming the lines.

People who are waiting complain that desks aren't always manned, even as the numbers grow.

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In France, the battle for control goes on

Former French president Nicolas Sarkozy and his wife, Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, cast their votes in Paris Sunday in the first round of parliamentary elections, which will determine whether President Francois Hollande's Socialists or conservatives control parliament. The final round is June 17. PHILIPPE WOJAZER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Transubstantiation'

Two-thirds of Irish Catholics don't accept a core belief: Poll

An international conference celebrating Roman Catholicism opened Sunday in Ireland.

About 12,000 Catholics gathered for an open-air mass in a Dublin stadium at the start of the Eucharistic Congress. The global gathering, begun in the 19th century, highlights the Catholic Church's belief in transubstantiation — that bread and wine transforms during mass into the actual body and blood of Jesus.

A poll of Irish Catholics found that two-thirds don't believe this.

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New York City police

Orthodox Jew fired over beard

An Orthodox Jew who was weeks away from becoming a New York cop has been kicked out of the police academy for refusing to trim his beard. Fishel Litzman believes cutting his beard is forbidden.

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Syrian opposition group selects secular Kurd leader

National Council. International community looks to party to mobilize and oust President Bashar Assad

Syria's main opposition group on Sunday picked a secular Kurd as its new leader after criticism that the former head was too autocratic and the group was becoming dominated by Islamists.

The opposition, hobbled by disorganization and infighting, is trying to pull together and appear more inclusive by choosing a member of an ethnic minority.

The opposition's disarray has frustrated Western powers eager to dislodge Syrian President Bashar Assad but unwilling, or unable, to send in their own forces to do it. There has been some willingness to support the rebels with funds and arms, but the lack of a cohesive front or a single address has hampered the efforts as the bloodshed intensifies.

On Sunday, government forces shelled rebel-held cities and villages, killing at least 38 people in the rebellious Homs district in central Syria, activists said. It was impossible to independently confirm the death toll.

The UN's latest estimate, dating back to April, was that 9,000 people had died in the 15-month conflict. The UN has been unable to update the figure since. Syrian activists put the toll at more than 13,000.

The choice of Abdulbaset Sieda as head of the Syrian National Council is aimed at achieving several goals for the main opposition group.

1. Under outgoing leader Burhan Ghalioun, criticism mounted that the group was dominated by Islamists, especially the Muslim Brotherhood. Seida is a secular.

2. Sieda is also a Kurd, and his selection could be an incentive for Syria's minority Kurds to take a more active role in the uprising. Up to now they have stayed mostly on the sidelines.

3. Selection of a member of a minority group could counter criticism that, under Ghalioun, the umbrella organization was too autocratic. Sieda is seen as a neutral consensus figure.

"This is clearly an opportunity and there is clearly a need for a change," said Peter Harling of the International Crisis Group think-tank.

The SNC must also gain the confidence of the international community, which is searching for effective ways to hasten the departure of Assad.

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Syrian women walk next to a destroyed military tank in the northern town of Ariha, on the outskirts of Idlib, Syria, Sunday. The UN said several weeks ago that thousands of people have been killed since the uprising began. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Increasing instability

British consider Syria intervention

British Foreign Secretary William Hague said Sunday that he couldn't rule out a military intervention in Syria, saying the situation there was beginning to resemble the violence that gripped Bosnia in the 1990s.

Hague told Sky News television that time was now "clearly running short" to implement international envoy Kofi Annan's cease-fire plan in Syria, and that Britain was already turning its eye toward what it would do if the plan failed.

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Neighbours

Netanyahu accuses Iran, Hezbollah

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday led Israeli officials in expressing outrage over the bloodshed in Syria, accusing Iran and Lebanese Hezbollah militants of complicity in the carnage. Israel is anxiously watching the neighbouring country, fearing instability.

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Charity auction

Lunch with Buffett nets $3.5 million

The cost to dine with investor Warren Buffett has apparently spiked in value, with one deep-pocketed bidder forking over nearly $3.5 million during a charity auction Friday night.

The annual auction for a private lunch with the Nebraska billionaire closed following a flurry of activity in the final hours. In the end, the highest bid was a record-breaking $3,456,789.

The auction benefits the Glide Foundation, which helps the homeless in San Francisco. Buffett has raised more than $11.5 million for the group in 13 past auctions.

The event provides a significant portion of Glide's roughly $17-million annual budget that pays for social services to the poor and homeless.

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It's all downhill from here even with bailout: Spain PM

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy looks down during a press conference at the Moncloa Palace in Madrid Sunday. DANIEL OCHOA DE OLZA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Debt crisis. Spain becomes the fourth and largest country to ask eurogroup to rescue its failing banks

Spain's grinding economic misery will get worse this year, despite the country's request for a European financial lifeline of up to $125 billion US to save its banks, Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said Sunday.

A day after the country conceded it needed outside help following months of denying it would seek assistance, Rajoy said more Spaniards will lose their jobs in a country where one out of every four is already unemployed.

"This year is going to be a bad one," Rajoy said Sunday in his first comments about the rescue since it was announced the previous evening by his economy minister.

The conservative prime minister added that the economy, stuck in its second recession in three years, will still contract the previously predicted 1.7 per cent even with the help.

Spain on Saturday became the fourth — and largest — of the 17 countries that use Europe's common currency to request a bailout — a big blow to a nation that a few years ago took pride as the continent's economic superstar only to see it become the hot spot in the eurozone debt crisis. Its economy is the eurozone's fourth largest after Germany, France and Italy.

Although Spain has not yet said how much money it would seek, the eurogroup — finance ministers of the 17-country eurozone — said in a statement Saturday that it was prepared to lend up to $125 billion.

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Quoted

"Lots of people enjoyed the consumer boom, but not everybody. Now everybody's having to pay for it."

Paul Preston, history professor and expert on Spain with the London School of Economics

Apple. New iPhone, iPad software anticipated

Apple CEO Tim Cook is expected to show off new iPhone software, updated Mac computers and provide more details on future releases of Mac software when he kicks off the company's annual conference for software developers on Monday.

The announcement of new software for the iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch has been confirmed by banners that appeared at the Moscone conference centre in San Francisco on Friday, reading "iOS 6."

Apple has for the past few years used its Worldwide Developers Conference as an opportunity to announce new iPhone software.

What's not known is what new features will come with iOS 6, or when it will be released to consumers.

Usually, the new software becomes available for download around the time a new iPhone model appears.

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Haitians bypass banks

A vendor of Digicel's Tchotcho Mobile services, right, makes a transfer for a client in front of her shop in Port-au-Prince earlier this month. Aid agencies trying to remake Haiti after a catastrophic earthquake are promoting a new way to bypass banks altogether: easy money transfers by cellphone. DIEU NALIO CHERY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. doctors embrace social-media techniques

Health care. American professionals lead the increasing use of social technology in providing patient care

Is your doctor a technophobe? Increasingly, the answer may be no. There's a stereotype that doctors shun technology that might threaten patients' privacy and their own pocketbooks. But a new breed of physicians is texting health messages to patients, tracking disease trends on Twitter, identifying medical problems on Facebook pages and communicating with patients through email.

So far, those numbers are small. Many doctors still cling to pen and paper, and are most comfortable using e-technology to communicate with each other — not with patients. But, in the U.S., some physicians from the nation's top public-health agency are offering patients more than a 15-minute office visit and callback at the end of the day.

Dr. Natasha Burgert works with patients while using social media as part of her practice, in Kansas City, Mo. ORLIN WAGNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Far from Silicon Valley and East Coast high-tech hubs, Kansas City pediatrician Natasha Burgert offers child-rearing tips on her blog, Facebook and Twitter pages, and answers patients' questions by email and text messages.

"These tools are embedded in my work day," Burgert said. "This is something I do in between checkups. It's much easier for me to shoot you an email and show you a blog post than it is to phone you back. That's what old-school physicians are going to be doing, spending an hour at the end of the day" returning patients' phone calls, she said.

She recently received a typical email — from a mother wondering how to wean her two-year-old from a pacifier. With a few mouse clicks, Burgert sent the mom a link to a blog post offering tips on that same topic.

Sarah Hartley, whose two young daughters are Burgert's patients, loves having e-access to the doctor and says even emails late in the evening typically get a quick response.

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Risks

The problem with e-access is that it increases the risk of leaked information.

- In a publicized case that makes doctors shudder, a state disciplinary board last year reprimanded Rhode Island emergency medicine physician Alexandra Thran for "unprofessional conduct" and fined her $500 after she made comments on her Facebook page about a patient's injury.

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Toronto needs a sales tax to pay for desperately needed transit infrastructure. And we need it now.

Commuters in this city can't afford any more delays. There's no time for requests for drawn-out studies from politicians too timid to push things forward. We can't waste any more of our collective brain power listening to populists like Mayor Rob Ford promise to grow extensive subway networks using magic beans from the private sector. And we definitely can't continue to wait for meagre handouts from the provincial and federal governments, which turn up only as part of elaborate election promises and then take years to materialize.

This city needs real money to put real shovels in the ground. And a dedicated sales tax for transit is the best way to achieve that.

LRT

Those transit links on Eglinton, Finch and Sheppard will provide much-improved service for suburban residents, but they'll also push even more ridership onto already over-capacity subway trains.

Council's recently approved light-rail plan only makes the need for a sales tax more urgent. Those transit links on Eglinton, Finch and Sheppard will provide much-improved service for suburban residents, but they'll also push even more ridership onto already over-capacity subway trains.

To address these capacity issues on the TTC, former mayoral candidate Sarah Thomson is set to launch a campaign designed to build support for further subway expansion — but not the subways Rob Ford wants. The plan she's backing calls for a rapid transit line serving a U-shaped corridor, providing a new connection from the suburbs to downtown on both sides of the city.

Though her 2010 campaign platform suggested road tolls, Thomson has since come around to the idea of a sales tax to pay for the new line, which she's dubbed the "city subway loop."

"The best, most efficient way to build this is with a one per cent sales tax," she says, a strategy that would raise an estimated $500 million per year. Thomson points out that the city and province already have the agencies and infrastructure in place to collect such a tax — something that can't be said for road-toll schemes.

She's not alone in her view. This past week, Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion — the one-time queen of suburban sprawl — came out strongly in favour of a regionwide sales tax dedicated to transit. And the wider public seems to be on board too: An April public opinion poll by Environics and Spacing magazine found that 74 per cent of GTA residents are open to the idea.

Public support for this kind of thing makes sense. Ontarians paid a 15 per cent combined-sales-tax rate for years and it's not as if the recent two-point clawback has had significant impact on people's wallets. Most people barely noticed the change.

Besides, the negatives of a small tax on purchases are nothing when stacked up next to a vastly improved transportation grid — one that actually gets Toronto moving again.

Read more of Matt's blog, Ford for Toronto, at metronews.ca

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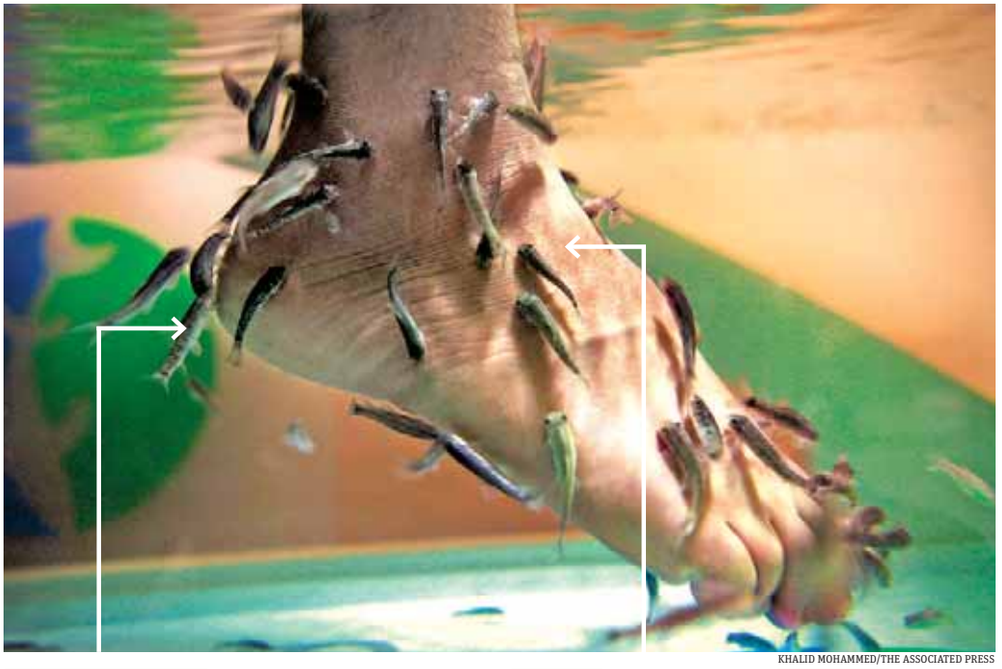

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Post-violence pampering

Pedicure shops set foot in Iraq

An Iraqi man immerses his feet in a fish tank with Garra rufa, also known as doctor fish, at Baghdad's first fish-pedicure salon in Iraq on Sunday. The latest luxury spa in Iraq's capital offers another small sign of life creeping closer to normalcy, if your definition of "normal" includes having tiny fish nibble on your feet.

The salon aims to bring in Iraqi customers who have recently begun to venture out again as the violence that engulfed the country after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion ebbs.

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Water oasis

- **Bombings and shootings** are still common, but daily life has improved for most people in recent years. Dozens of beauty salons, cosmetic-surgery centres and other enterprises have sprung up to cash in on war-weary Iraqis looking for pampering.
- **Doctor's Fish Spa** opened this year in western Baghdad's upscale Mansour area.
- **Owner Musbah Saleh** says he's confident of success for his piscine pampering project despite minor logistical hurdles, such as the city's frequent power cuts that force him to run a noisy generator.

Nailing it

"Chinese massage centres, beauty salons are all thriving. So this kind of business has a promising future.... The Iraqi people need these things because they couldn't have them before."

Doctor's Fish Spa owner Musbah Saleh, commenting on the new spa industry that is thriving in Iraq.

Curb appeal

Spa located near security checkpoint

Violence in Baghdad has dropped sharply in recent years, after a wave of sectarian attacks that pushed the country to the brink of civil war. The wealthy Mansour neighbourhood near Musbah Saleh's spa saw some of the worst of the sectarian carnage.

Just down the street from Doctor's Fish Spa, there is a police checkpoint — one of dozens across Baghdad — with concrete barriers, rolls of barbed wire and armed police. Far from scaring customers off, the checkpoint was part of the location's appeal, Saleh says. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Worth mentioning

Endangered whale bouncing back after ships rerouted

The population of a once nearly extinct whale is on the rise, partly because of an unlikely collaboration between a Canadian oil company and an aquarium.

Ten years ago, New Brunswick-based Irving Oil rerouted its shipping lanes in the Bay of Fundy to move away from the feeding grounds of the North Atlantic right whale, reducing the risk of collisions.

It's a move that scientists say has played a great role in the recovery of the endangered species.

Dr. Moira Brown, a senior scientist at the New England Aquarium in Boston, said that in the past decade the right-whale population has grown by an average of two per cent annually, from about 350 whales to more than 450. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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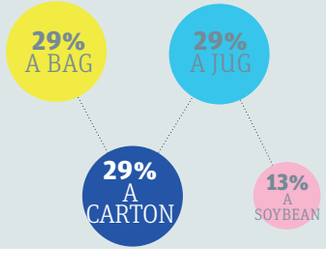

Twitter

@Real_Wright: Your screaming Forza but can you speak the language? #ProbablyNot

@ldboffice: @KellyRipa @MarkConsuelos who did u root for ...ITALIA or Espana?? Mamma mia che predicament!!

@jennpetrilli: We wanted to escape Corso Italia in case the eurocup game erupts into madness, but now we find ourselves in Little Italy! Hmmm...

@KnowThisMan: My mouth is still open and I'm still looking around like "wtf?" #RIPboxing

@JasonTO: #RIPBoxing no longer trending. I guess the world's period of mourning was a quick one.

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Creatures lure audiences

Circus animals and space beasts have lifted Hollywood to a huge weekend. The cuddly critters of Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted led the weekend with a $60.4 million debut, followed by a big opening for Ridley Scott's alien saga Prometheus at No. 2 with $50 million. DreamWorks Animation's Madagascar 3 was the family favourite for the weekend, reuniting voice stars Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, Jada Pinkett Smith and David Schwimmer as the zoo animals continue their travels by joining a circus. Prometheus, from 20th Century Fox, stars Noomi Rapace, Michael Fassbender and Charlize Theron in an offshoot of director's Scott's 1979 science-fiction horror tale Alien. Prometheus did big business despite an R rating, which can limit a movie's audience in the U.S. since those under 17 must see it with an adult.

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On the web

Kevin Costner testifies at New Orleans trial of a lawsuit involving oil-cleanup devices

Metric's new album Synthetica is out on Tuesday. PHOTO: JUSTIN BROADBENT

Metric find their system

New album. Band parlays their success into making music on their own terms — and gets experimental on Synthetica

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It's a well-worn cliché: emerging indie band with big buzz but few resources faces umpteen struggles along the way before finally breaking through and becoming a bona fide international success.

But despite their steady rise, Metric have always refused to take the expected route — while other bands in their position may have succumbed to the pressures that go hand-in-hand with crossing over into the mainstream, they decided to leverage their success a slightly different way — by making their next album entirely on their own terms.

The band's new record, Synthetica, offers a sleek digital-meets-analogue twist on the quartet's signature synth-pop — fans looking for a repeat of the shiny stadium anthems of 2009's Fantasies (which sold over 1 million singles and nearly 500,000 copies worldwide) might be slightly nonplussed, but to hear singer Emily Haines tell it, success equalled more creative freedom.

"You have to really have it together on all fronts," she notes.

"It's pretty challenging to navigate the business side and the sonic side — the music you want to create, who you want to work with, the live element. So it feels like we've slowly but surely made progress in all those areas over the years, and it feels good to be heading in the direction we always hoped to."

Aside from releasing their music entirely independently through their own label via various international partnerships, another piece of the puzzle was establishing their own studio at home in Toronto — being able to hunker down amidst guitarist-producer Jimmy Shaw's growing arsenal of vintage gear and instruments proved to be the key catalyst in defining Synthetica's sound.

"It sounded as if I were writing in this context that Jimmy created — this futuristic-yet-nostalgic kind of sound," says Haines, the band's principal lyricist.

"It's interesting with those instruments, because when they were invented, they were associated with the future. And now here we are in the supposed future, and those instruments actually sound really charming — they don't sound alien at all."

From the robotic stomp of first single Youth Without Youth (which quickly became the first single to ever debut at No. 1 on the Canadian Mediabase alternative radio chart) to the buzzy synths propelling surefire hit The Void, Synthetica paints a portrait of a modern era too preoccupied with keeping up than it is with taking stock.

"It's our examination of what's real and what's artificial," Haines explains.

"So it's a lot about looking back to look forward — it's not really so much about reminiscing as trying to get a handle on things so you can figure out which direction to take."

Mapping out their own route — literally and figuratively — will be a major part of Metric's preoccupations over the next year as the band hits the road across the globe in support of the new album ("You'd laugh if you saw the giant wall calendar that is our lives right now," Haines quips) while also managing the responsibilities that come with being in charge of their own creative and business interests.

"We seem to be living in exponential times, where things are changing so rapidly — obviously not just in music, but in all sectors of technology," Haines says.

"It's sort of more fun to be on the side where we're on, where we can be in the moment and try and experiment with things that haven't been done before, as opposed to trying to hold on to the way things used to be.

"But we're up for the whole thing — we feel like we're doing exactly what we're meant to do."

Quoted

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Metric's Emily Haines

Special concerts

Homegrown heroes?

Always a fan favourite in Canada (fun fact: though Haines and Shaw initially formed the band as a duo in Toronto in the late '90s, the band expanded into a quartet a few years later by adding the rhythm section of Joules Scott-Key and Joshua Winstead, both from the U.S.), Metric decided to kick off the release of Synthetica with special concerts in Montreal and Toronto, including an exclusive performance at Toronto's Phoenix Concert Theatre on Tuesday night (fans could win tickets via hints on the band's Twitter and Facebook pages).

"The more you travel, the more you value your home," Haines says of Metric's deep-seated connection with their Canadian fanbase.

"I love doing stuff like [the special CD-release shows] — we have the freedom to do that now, so why not?"

Robot Chicken still going strong

An unlikely hit. Seth Green surprised his hilarious 'side project' is now on its sixth season

When Seth Green launched Robot Chicken back in 2005, he thought the same thing most viewers likely did — that the scattershot animated gag machine was a fun diversion destined for a TV lifespan not much longer than one of its pithy sketches.

So with the 100th episode of the Emmy-winning trouble-making-with-toys comedy set to air on Teletoon this Sunday night, the 38-year-old is as surprised as anyone by the manic show's longevity.

"It's super surreal," marvelled the upbeat Green in a recent telephone interview.

"Because this was just never meant to be something that actually was a show, let alone a series, let alone a long-running series. This was such a side project. This was such a silly thing that we wanted to make.

"It evolved into something that other people were watching, and so we realized we were making it for all of us."

The stop-motion sketch series arrived in February 2005. Grown from a short-lived web series produced by Green and Robot Chicken co-creator Matthew Senreich, the show was aired on Adult Swim before that property became a cross-platform cartoon titan producing TV shows, video games and music.

Back then, it wasn't even its own network, but just a programming block on the Cartoon Network.

"We didn't expect anything," said Green. "Adult Swim was really just taking shape. We weren't even sure if the network was going to be around in a couple months.

"And we had no idea what we were doing," he added, noting that the show's producers initially took on an overly ambitious production schedule. "I actually had a physical breakdown toward the end of that year."

With Robot Chicken, Green and Senreich let their childhood obsession with toys fuel a rapid-fire melange of imaginatively bawdy jokes steeped in geek culture — one sketch of thousands, for instance, depicts a Star Wars stormtrooper bringing his poor daughter onto the Death Star during "take your kids to work day."

Over five seasons, the show has welcomed a stunning array of Hollywood A-listers into its cracked world, including Sarah Michelle Gellar, Mila Kunis, Snoop Dogg, Megan Fox, Scarlett Johansson, Conan O'Brien, Ryan Seacrest and Charlize Theron.

Seth Green THE CANADIAN PRESS

But perhaps the biggest boon to the show's fortune was timing. Less than a week before Robot Chicken hit the airwaves, YouTube launched and suddenly seized upon and furthered the Internet's collectively voracious desire for short-form content. And Robot Chicken's snickering snippets were the perfect fit.

It was a coincidence that looked like prescience, Green says. "Isn't that weird? It makes us look like we really knew what the hell what we were talking about," he said with a laugh. "No, we just didn't have money to shoot anything longer than four minutes, so we developed rapid-fire short-term content.

"When Robot Chicken came around, we originally called it ADD TV, because we thought that was what it was — it was jokes without a laborious setup, all punch lines. It's straight to the point."

Green and his collaborators are currently in the process of piecing together the sixth season of the show (which airs earlier in the U.S. than it does here in Canada), although he's focusing his effort on directing a one-time Robot Chicken special set in the DC Comics universe.

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Previous roles

- **Seth Green.** The ginger-haired actor is best-known for roles on Buffy the Vampire Slayer and the Austin Powers series. He also provides the squeaky voice of dim-witted pubescent adolescent Chris Griffin on Family Guy.

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Lindsay Lohan's car crash still happening

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Lindsay Lohan got into a nasty car accident in L.A. over the weekend, and because this is Lindsay Lohan, things are far from over.

The actress, who was driving, initially claimed that an 18-wheeler cut off her black Porsche, causing her to slam into the back of it and total her car.

We're not sure if the damage matches up to this story — we're not even sure we've ever seen a Porsche in one piece — but the driver of the truck tells TMZ that Lohan, who was speeding, caused the crash, then attempted to leave the scene while her assistants negotiated a bribe and removed the actress' belongings from the car.

"I'd already called 911 because they were trying to get away from the scene," the truck driver tells the site. "But they packed a bag and then the (assistant) told me, 'Don't mention the bag to the cops.'"

Lindsay, for her part, is sticking with her original story, but yesterday also floated the idea that the brakes on the Porsche, which was a rental, were recently replaced and failed.

Lindsay, we realize you didn't have a normal adolescence, so allow us to explain how this works: When you irresponsibly smash up an expensive car that isn't yours, the correct response is to cry, call your mom and say "officer" a lot.

Rinse and repeat as necessary.

Warning: Nude Snooki is lurking out there

Jersey Shore star Snooki seems to be the latest celebrity to get her phone hacked and, surprise, there were nude photos on there.

The pictures, which were first posted to the blog Egotastic, show her — or, if we're entertaining a really dark world, an impersonator — in a hotel room and appear to be at least six months old.

We can't decide what's more upsetting: That we've seen Snooki naked, or that we can estimate how long ago she was naked.

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Is the name Jaden taken? What about Justin? GETTY IMAGES

Of 'stolen' baby names

Etiquette. What if someone got to your "special" one first?

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Just days after Blue Ivy entered the world, proud parents Beyoncé and Jay-Z trademarked their little girl's name. But guess what? You can still name your little bundle Blue Ivy if your heart desires (just don't go using that name on your line of hipster onesies).

Baby names are a free for all. Nobody owns the rights to a baby name — not your cubicle mate, your BFF or your very own sister who had the name "Zoe" picked out from birth. And it's about time people stopped accusing others of "stealing" their baby names. This isn't high school, people!

Recently, the Social Security Administration released its list of the top American baby names for 2011. As fascinating as the list itself is, some people are actually upset if their chosen baby name happens to have fallen on it. For example, the name Mason is in the No. 2 spot for boys — much to the dismay of parents who believe they personally invented/discovered that name (newsflash: you didn't!).

One Mommyish reader named Katie shared her own ridiculous baby name-stealing story. It goes like this: A girl in her daughter's class is named Isabelle. Isabelle's mom went nuts when a fellow mom named her second child Isla. She claims to have invented the name Isabelle and she felt that Isla was just a bit too similar. So Isabelle's mom flipped out at Isla's poor mom and accused her of stealing the name she magically created by combining Izzy and Belle. (Isabelle's mom, if you happen to be reading this: Get a grip, lady!)

Also this month, the New York Times devoted space to this very issue. One reader "Meghan" from St. Louis — wrote in with the following:

"I'm expecting my first child next month. We're naming our son Benjamin, a family name filled with meaning. I told my colleagues months ago. My assistant is also expecting her first child. She recently announced that she will name her son Benjamin, too. I approached her privately and told her I was upset. She thought I was being unreasonable, and told me she chose the name after me because she thought it was cute. What should I do?"

Meghan, too, was told to get a grip — thank God! (It was even recommended that she consider the name Nenjabim as an alternative, which cracked me up.)

My point is this: If you have an "original" baby name picked out, don't share it in advance. If you do share it in advance, don't be upset if someone else uses it.

Another point: If you hear a name that you like, go ahead and use it. Who cares if there are two Jadens in the same playgroup? Chances are there will be two more in little Jaden's classroom, anyway, and another seven at your next door neighbour's birthday party.

Is a Brave princess really groundbreaking?

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Mommyish.com

Who is excited about Pixar's newest movie Brave? Let's all raise our hands.

This will be the first time a Pixar movie has a sole female protagonist. It centres on a girl who happens to be a princess, but doesn't really act like one. The main character, Merida, is more interested in archery than in finding a prince.

As I've been eagerly watching the previews for Brave, I took it for granted that my headstrong daughter would be excited about the movie as well. This is a little girl who throws Batman-themed birthday parties. Of course she's going to love a princess who competes in a tournament for her own hand in marriage.

Except then I went and showed my daughter the trailers. "Ehh...Let's go swimming, Momma."

That was it. That was her response. I'm not going to pretend that I wasn't a little let down. "Did you see she shoots a bow and arrow?" I prompted.

I realize that I shouldn't push my daughter to like certain things, especially not movies or television. I should probably take pride in the fact that what I'm sure is an enormously expensive marketing campaign hasn't swayed my little girl's opinion. But I really want my daughter to love this awesome character who seems to be strong and fearless.

I guess Brave is a big deal for all the women who realize that they grew up with kind of crummy princesses. We're the ones who, as adults, keep demanding more progressive characters for young girls. Our kids really don't understand yet just why complacent princesses rescued by their one true love might set a bad example. To my daughter, who's always been told that girls could rescue themselves, this movie isn't all that groundbreaking.

Either that, or Disney's marketing team has lost its touch.

Brave, or maybe no big deal at all. DISNEY

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Health

Marijuana more popular than smokes

A U.S. government survey shows more teens are now smoking pot than cigarettes.

The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 23 per cent of high school students said they recently smoked marijuana, while 18 per cent said they puffed cigarettes. The survey asked teens about a variety of risky behaviours.

For decades, the number of teens who smoke has been on the decline. Marijuana has fluctuated, and recently rose. At times, pot and cigarette smoking were at the same level, but last year marked the first time marijuana use was clearly greater.

An earlier survey by the University of Michigan also found that pot smoking was higher. A Michigan expert said teens today apparently see marijuana as less dangerous than cigarettes.

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On the Web

Honey is flowing at posh hotels from Paris to NYC as bees take up residence

Savoury and stylish take on cheesecake

Top these little cakes with smoked salmon with a sprig of fresh dill; pear with caramelized onions; caviar and sour cream; prosciutto-wrapped fig or; black olive tapenade.

1. Line a 23-cm (9-inch) pan with foil, letting it hang over the edge for easy removal of cheesecake; set aside.

2. Crust: In a bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs, melted butter, sugar and pepper. Press into pan. Bake in 150 C (300 F) oven for 10 minutes. Let cool completely.

This recipe makes 15 to 20 servings. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

3. Filling: Using a food processor, blend cream cheese, sugar, egg, egg yolk, sour cream, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Process until all ingredients are fully incorporated and batter is free of lumps, about 1 minute. Pulse in walnuts and chives.

4. Pour into pan and spread evenly over crust. Bake for 20 minutes or until centre is firm. Do not over-bake. Let cool completely in pan, cover and place in refrigerator overnight.

5. Remove cheesecake from pan. With a warm, dry knife, trim off edges. Cut remaining cheesecake into 2.5-cm (1-inch) or 4-cm (1 1/2-inch) squares, wiping the knife after each cut. Top as desired and serve.

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Ingredients

Crust
- 250 ml (1 cup) graham cracker crumbs
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) butter, melted
- 5 ml (1 tsp) each granulated sugar and freshly ground pepper

Filling
- 1 1/4 pkgs (250-g/8-oz size) cream cheese, room temperature (312 g/10 oz total)
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 egg yolk
- 20 ml (4 tsp) sour cream
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) lemon juice
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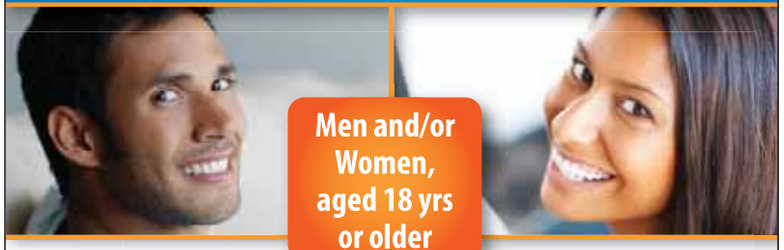

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One of the ways insurance companies try to keep customers around is by offering perks to loyal customers. Often insurance customers believe that by looking for a new insurance policy they will wind up paying more since they'll have to forfeit any loyalty discounts and perks they have earned. In many cases, however, a lower rate with another insurance company could save you money because the rate difference offsets any earned loyalty rewards from your current company. There is no risk to taking some time to shop around and get insurance quotes. And your current insurer will not know that you are looking, unless you tell them. Comparing car insurance quotes will give you a better idea of how your current rate stacks up in comparison with what is available at another company.

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"People really do have to give this a chance," Betsy concludes. "It doesn't take a lot of time, and if you don't like the result, those ingredients can still be used elsewhere in the house."

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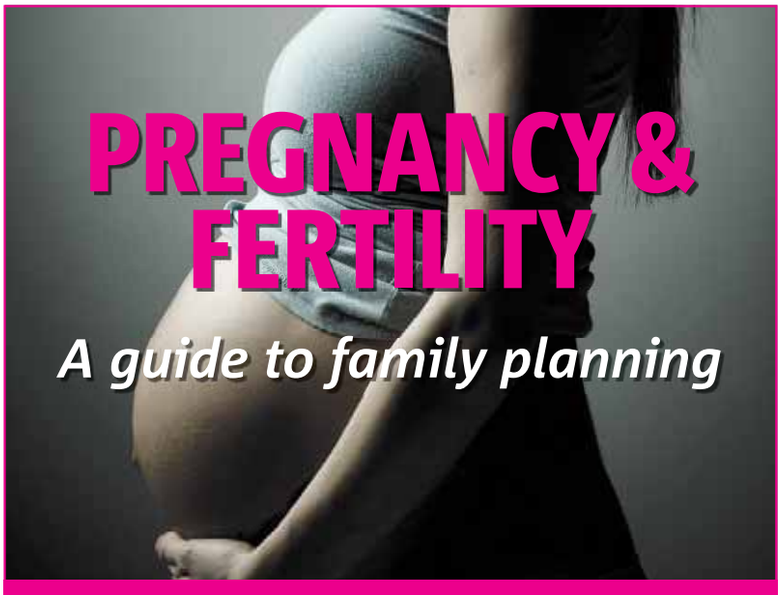

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‘I saw him heal completely’

Wellness at work.
Facing a health scare with her son, Angela Shim took matters into her own hands

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Sometimes the most amazing things in life come in the smallest packages.

Angela Shim was working in a bank when she gave birth prematurely to her son.

When he was diagnosed with severe health problems, she was told by the doctors that there was nothing more they could do.

“He was eight years old and looked like a dehydrated old man covered in gauze. I made a decision at that time I was going to do whatever it took to find a solution.”

Angela went to workshops, web seminars and naturopaths; then she went to work on her son.

“I saw him heal completely. We got him off puffers and medications and we saw a new person.”

Angela’s son is now a healthy 19-year-old.

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As a high school senior I remember anxiously awaiting word of my acceptance to my top university picks. That day came when I had all the envelopes in my hand — three stuffed to the brim with good news, and one pathetically thin with rejection.

I was offered a spot in another program, but this was still not what I was hoping for when I applied. As an 18-year-old who was not quite sure what I wanted to do with my life, the three acceptance letters left me with more choices then I knew what to do with, but there was a small part of me that felt the sting of not being 'good enough' for that one university.

Receiving a rejection letter to one, or a few, of your university applications is not uncommon.

With the number of applicants rising each year the competition is fierce if you want to secure a spot at one of the top universities in Canada.

So what happens when you receive that rejection letter and your dreams of walking across the graduation stage at (insert school name here) are dashed?

Allison Singh, author of Getting Over Not Getting In: A College Rejection Guide, offers advice on getting past the feelings of inadequacy and upset:

Remember that rejection will not hold you back

"But entering college full of bitterness and self-doubt will," says Singh,

"Research shows that these days it does not matter where students attend college, or at least not as much as they might think. Employers value skills and internship experience more than the name on a diploma. Success is up to the individual."

Respect your feelings

"Sometimes we minimize the sting of rejection or condescendingly tell students to just brush it off. This is unfair," Singh says. "In many ways, we have set students up for this by making the college admissions process the central focus of high school. I begin by reminding students that rejection is not an indicator of their ability or future success. They should be proud of what they accomplished in high school, regardless of where they end up."

Move forward

Singh suggests students take another look at the schools that did accept them. "Visit the schools, talk to students. If they keep looking back at the school that said no, they will miss out on all of the opportunities at the school that said yes."

School statistics

Knowledge by the numbers

• In Ontario, high school students are applying to universities in record numbers, continuing an 11-year trend of increasing demand for university education, according to the Council of Ontario Universities.

• The total number of first-year applicants rose by 2.2 per cent to 109,985 applicants at the January 11, 2012 deadline for secondary school applicants.

* In 2010, there were almost 1.2 million students in degree programs on Canadian campuses: 755,000 undergraduates, 143,400 graduate students studying full-time, and an additional 275,800 students studying part-time.

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4 SPORTS

Belmont Stakes

"It was a very exciting race at the end. The public should be happy with it."

John Velazquez, jockey of Belmont Stakes winner Union Rags. Fans were rewarded with a sizzling finale to the season's Triple Crown series when Union Rags overcame Paynter in the closing strides to win by a neck. The Belmont lost its main attraction on the eve of the race when Canadian-owned I'll Have Another was suddenly and shockingly retired with a left front tendon injury.

Boxing

"I've never been as ashamed of the sport of boxing as I am tonight."

Promoter Bob Arum, fuming after Timothy Bradley beat Manny Pacquiao on a judges' decision at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas on Saturday night. In a fight Pacquiao seemed to have in hand, two judges decided otherwise, giving Bradley a split decision Saturday night and ending the Filipino fighter's remarkable seven-year unbeaten run.

"I did my best. I guess my best wasn't good enough."

Manny Pacquiao

On the web

The field appears to be wide open as players begin to arrive in San Francisco for this week's U.S. Open. At the Olympic Club course, nothing ever seems to turn out as expected, similar to how many top golfers' seasons have gone thus far. Scan the code for the story.

Italy's Mario Balotelli takes a tackle from Spain's Sergio Ramos on Sunday in Gdansk, Poland. SHAUN BOTTERILL/GETTY IMAGES

Spain's win streak ends against Italy

Euro 2012. Spaniards allow opening tally, but battle back to earn draw in opener

Group C

Italy	Spain
1	1

For Spain, it was a bit of a stumble. For Italy, it was a bit of a reprieve.

Beginning its bid for a third straight major title, the Spanish rallied to earn a 1-1 draw Sunday against Italy, which entered this year's European Championship amid another match-fixing scandal.

Antonio Di Natale put Italy in front after an excellent setup from Andrea Pirlo in the 61st minute, but Cesc Fabregas equalized for the defending champions three minutes later by finishing off a dazzling display of Spain's passing game.

"Being the favourite now is complicated, but in the end we found the character," Fabregas said.

Spain, which followed up its Euro 2008 victory with the 2010 World Cup title, dominated the match for long stretches but struggled to finish at times, while Italy relied on dangerous counterattacks.

The draw ended a 14-match winning streak for Spain in competitive play.

Still, it could have been worse.

"I don't leave here frustrated because the effort we made to win this game was tremendous," Spain coach Vicente del Bosque said. "It was a good game, a different kind of game."

Spain pulled a surprise by starting with no recognized strikers in its lineup, with Fabregas at forward between David Silva and Andres Iniesta — leaving Fernando Torres, Alvaro Negredo and Fernando Llorente on the bench.

"I was happy to have the opportunity," Fabregas said. "To get the goal was nice."

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Group C

- Croatia topped Ireland 3-1 in their opening match Sunday.
- Croatia now leads Group C with three points.
- The Croats will next play Italy on Thursday.

Formula One

Hamilton makes it three in Montreal

Each Formula One race this year has tossed up a different winner and on Sunday, it was McLaren Mercedes star Lewis Hamilton's turn to shine at the Canadian Grand Prix.

Hamilton passed defending F1 champion Sebastian Vettel and two-time world champ Fernando Alonso late in the 70-lap race to post his third career win at Circuit Gilles Villeneuve.

Hamilton got the first of his 18 career F1 victories in Montreal in 2007 and won again in 2010. He's the third driver to win the race three times.

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Lewis Hamilton celebrates on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

Jamaica

Bolt OK after early morning 'fender bender'

Usain Bolt was involved in a minor car crash shortly before dawn Sunday in his Caribbean homeland of Jamaica but was not hurt, according to the publicist for the world's fastest man.

Carole Beckford said the three-time Olympic champion was returning from a party with friends in the early hours Sunday when he was involved in a "fender bender" in Jamaica's capital of Kingston.

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Blue Jays' bats come to life in Atlanta

After watching the Blue Jays score a combined five runs in two losses to the Braves, John Farrell fretted about his team's inability to "bunch some hits together."

The Blue Jays came through with an impressive solution in the final game of the series.

Brett Lawrie and Colby Rasmus each homered and drove in three runs and Toronto rallied from an early four-run deficit to beat Atlanta 12-4 on Sunday.

The Blue Jays set a season high with 18 hits as they ended a three-game losing streak. The offensive outburst, which started with a six-run fifth inning, came after Toronto was held to one hit in four scoreless innings by Braves rookie Julio Teheran.

Sunday's game

Blue Jays	Braves
12	4

"The way things started out, it wasn't looking real promising," Farrell said. "We were able to string a number of hits together.... We were able to string together not only the six runs but it continued on through the middle and latter part of the game."

The Braves' six-game winning streak ended even though they led 4-0 after three innings. Toronto's Ricky Romero lasted only four innings, giving up eight hits and four runs, three of which were earned.

A key to the Jays' six-run fifth was Farrell's decision to replace Romero with pinch-hitter Yan Gomes, whose single drove in the first run. It was the first of five straight run-scoring hits.

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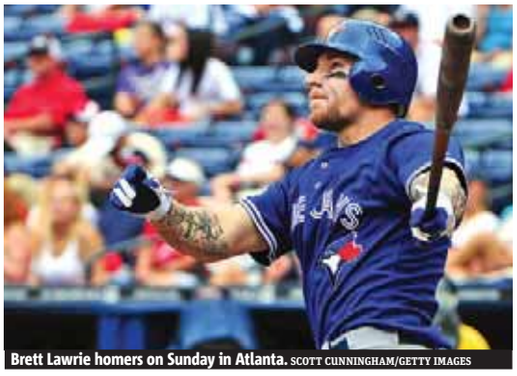

Brett Lawrie homers on Sunday in Atlanta. SCOTT CUNNINGHAM/GETTY IMAGES

Kings refocus with time running out

NHL. Doughty says club is tuning out distractions after losing two straight to Devils

Zach Parise scores on Los Angeles' Jonathan Quick during New Jersey's 2-1 win on Saturday night in Newark. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The cellphones are going off and the blinds are going down. The Los Angeles Kings believe the best way to close out this Stanley Cup is to completely ignore the growing madness around them.

When they had a chance to make history and lift the trophy at Staples Center in Game 4, the requests for tickets and demands on their time went through the roof.

As a result, they may have been guilty of taking their eyes off the prize, something they've vowed not do when they get a third shot at knocking off the New Jersey Devils in Game 6 on Monday.

"We don't want any distractions," said defenceman Drew Doughty of London, Ont. "I think a lot of us before Game 4 were distracted with family members and friends, the cup coming in the building. A lot of things we have to put aside. Family always comes first for everyone, but at this point of the year the team has to come first."

It was a refreshing piece of honesty from Doughty, who provided the best view behind the curtains as the Kings family convened at their practice facility Sunday for a meeting.

This is the first time all playoffs they've been part of a series that reached Game 6. The margin for error is getting slimmer and they're clearly looking to use the missed opportunities in this series for extra motivation.

"We realize a lot of us didn't play at our potential in Game 4," said Doughty. "We were nervous, worried about other things. All of us in the room were kind of frustrated that we were thinking about things ahead of time. (Coach) Darryl (Sutter) made sure that wasn't going to happen this time."

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Quoted

"The only way to really look at it in the series is the first goal."

Kings coach Darryl Sutter. A key factor to watch in Game 6 is who scores first. The team who takes the first lead has won five in a row.

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EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	35	25	.583	—
New York	34	25	.576	½
Baltimore	34	26	.567	1
Toronto	31	29	.517	4
Boston	29	31	.483	6

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	33	27	.550	—
Cleveland	32	27	.542	½
Detroit	27	32	.458	5½
Kansas City	24	34	.414	8
Minnesota	24	35	.407	8½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	35	26	.574	—
Los Angeles	32	29	.525	3
Seattle	27	35	.435	8½
Oakland	26	35	.426	9

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	35	23	.603	—
Atlanta	34	26	.567	2
New York	32	29	.525	4½
Miami	31	29	.517	5
Philadelphia	29	33	.468	8

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	32	26	.552	—
Pittsburgh	32	27	.542	½
St. Louis	31	30	.508	2½
Milwaukee	28	32	.467	5
Houston	26	34	.433	7
Chicago	20	40	.333	13

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	39	22	.639	—
San Francisco	34	27	.557	5
Arizona	30	30	.500	8½
Colorado	24	35	.407	14
San Diego	20	41	.328	19

Yesterday's result
Milwaukee 6 San Diego 5
Saturday's result
San Diego 5 Milwaukee 2
Today's games
No Games Scheduled

INTERLEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Toronto 12 Atlanta 4
Arizona 4 Oakland 3
Baltimore 5 Philadelphia 4 (10 inn.)
Chicago Cubs 8 Minnesota 2
Cleveland 4 St. Louis 1
Houston 11 Chicago White Sox 9
L.A. Angels 10, Colorado 8
L.A. Dodgers 8 Seattle 2
N.Y. Yankees 5 N.Y. Mets 4
Pittsburgh 3 Kansas City 2
Tampa Bay 4 Miami 2
Texas 5 San Francisco 0
Washington 4 Boston 3
Detroit at Cincinnati
Saturday's results
Atlanta 5 Toronto 2
Arizona 8 Oakland 3
Baltimore 6 Philadelphia 4 (12 inn.)
Chicago White Sox 10 Houston 1
Detroit 3 Cincinnati 2
L.A. Angels 11 Colorado 5
L.A. Dodgers 8 Seattle 3
Minnesota 11 Chicago Cubs 3
N.Y. Yankees 4 N.Y. Mets 2
Pittsburgh 5 Kansas City 3
San Francisco 5 Texas 2
St. Louis 2 Cleveland 0
Tampa Bay 13 Miami 4
Washington 4 Boston 2
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Washington (E.Jackson 2-3) at Toronto (Morrow 7-3), 7:07 p.m.
Boston (Beckett 4-6) at Miami (Jo.Johnson 3-4), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Nova 7-2) at Atlanta (Delgado 4-5), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Richards 1-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Capuano 8-2), 10:10 p.m.

BLUE JAYS 12, BRAVES 4

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Atlanta	ab	r	h	bi
Lawrie 3b	5	2	2	3	Bourn cf	4	1	2	0
Rasms cf	6	2	3	3	Prado lf	5	0	2	0
Bautist rf	5	1	1	1	C.Jones 3b	3	0	0	0
Encmc lf-1b	5	1	3	1	CMrtnz p	0	0	0	0
KJhnsn 2b	5	1	2	1	Hinske ph	1	0	0	0
Beck p	0	0	0	0	Durbin p	0	0	0	0
Janssn p	0	0	0	0	Uggla 2b	3	2	1	0
YEscor ss	4	2	1	0	JWilson 2b	1	0	0	0
Cooper 1b	3	0	0	0	M.Diaz rf	5	1	2	0
RDavis lf	2	0	1	1	FFrmn 1b	5	0	3	1
Arencii c	4	1	1	1	D.Ross c	4	0	1	1
RRomr p	1	0	0	0	Smmns ss	4	0	0	0
YGoms ph	1	1	1	1	Tehern p	1	0	0	0
Villanv p	1	1	1	0	LHrndz p	0	0	0	0
Vizquel ph	1	0	1	0	JFrncs ph-3b	2	0	1	0
Oliver p	0	0	0	0					
McCoy 2b	1	0	1	0					
Totals	**44**	**12**	**18**	**12**	**Totals**		**38**	**4**	**12**	**2**

Toronto	000	063	210 —12
Atlanta	022	000	000 — 4

E—Rasmus (4). DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Toronto 8, Atlanta 12. 2B—Rasmus (12), Encarnacion (12), Bourn (14), M.Diaz (3), F.Freeman (13). 3B—K.Johnson (1). HR—Lawrie (5), Rasmus (8). SF—Arencibia.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
R.Romero	4	8	4	3	2	1
Villanueva W,1-0	2	2	0	0	1	1
Oliver	1	0	0	0	1	2
Beck	1	1	0	0	0	0
Janssen	1	1	0	0	0	1
Atlanta						
Teheran	4 1-3	4	4	4	1	5
L.Hernandez L,1-1	1 2-3	7	5	5	0	0
C.Martinez	2	6	3	3	0	3
Durbin	1	1	0	0	1	1

HBP—by R.Romero (Uggla).
Umpires — Home, Chris Conroy; First, Jerry Layne; Second, Hunter Wendelstedt; Third, Dan Bellino.
T—3:14. A—20,222 (49,586) at Atlanta, Ga.

TENNIS

FRENCH OPEN

Yesterday's results
Men's Singles — Championship
Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, leads Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, 6-4, 6-3, 2-6, 1-2 (suspended due to rain — match to be completed today).
Junior Boy's Singles — Championship
Kimmer Coppejans (6), Belgium, def. **Filip Peliwo (5), Vancouver**, 6-1, 6-4.
Saturday's results
Men's Doubles — Championship
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and **Daniel Nestor (1), Toronto,** def. Bob and Mike Bryan (2), U.S., 6-4, 6-4.
Women's Singles —Championship
Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Sara Errani (21), Italy, 6-3, 6-2.

HOCKEY

AHL PLAYOFFS

CALDER CUP FINAL

(Best of 7)
NORFOLK (E1) VS. TORONTO (W2)
(Norfolk won series 4-0)
Saturday's result
Norfolk 6 Toronto 1

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP FINAL

(Best of 7)
NEW JERSEY (E6) VS.LOS ANGELES (W8)
(Los Angeles leads series 3-2)
Saturday's result
New Jersey 2 Los Angeles 1
Tonight's game — All Times Eastern
New Jersey at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Wednesday's game
x-Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
x — played only if necessary.

SATURDAY

DEVILS 2, KINGS 1

First Period
1. New Jersey, Parise 8, 12:45 (pp)
Penalty — Mitchell LA (interference) 11:00.
Second Period
2. Los Angeles, Williams 4 (M.Greene) 3:26
3. New Jersey, Salvador 4 (Ponikarovsky, Zajac) 9:05
Penalties — Fayne NJ (delay of game) 9:33, Salvador NJ (high-sticking) 18:38.
Third Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Brown LA (holding stick) 5:51, Penner LA, Ponikarovsky NJ (roughing) 18:24.
Shots on goal by

Los Angeles	7	10	9	— 26
New Jersey	4	12	3	— 19

Goal — Los Angeles: Quick (L,15-4); New Jersey: Brodeur (W,14-8). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Los Angeles: 0-2; New Jersey: 1-2.
Attendance — 17,625 (17,625) at Newark, N.J.

AUTO RACING

F1 CANADIAN GRAND PRIX

At Montreal
Yesterday's results
1. Lewis Hamilton, England, McLaren, 70 laps, one hour 32 minutes 29.586 seconds, 198 km/h; 2. Romain Grosjean, France, Lotus, 70, 1:32:32.099; 3. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Sauber, 70, 1:32:34.846; 4. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Red Bull, 70, 1:32:36.881; 5. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Ferrari, 70, 1:32:42.997; 6. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 70, 1:32:43.428; 7. Mark Webber, Australia, Red Bull, 70, 1:32:44.671; 8. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Lotus, 70, 1:32:45.153; 9. Kamui Kobayashi, Japan, Sauber, 70, 1:32:54.018; 10. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Ferrari, 70, 1:32:54.858.
11. Paul di Resta, Scotland, Force India, 70, 1:33:07.279; 12. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Force India, 70, 1:33:15.822; 13. Pastor Maldonado, Venezuela, Williams, 70, 1:33:16.638; 14. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Toro Rosso, 70, 1:33:34.061; 15. Jean-Eric Vergne, France, Toro Rosso, 69, one lap behind; 16. Jenson Button, England, McLaren, 69, 1; 17. Bruno Senna, Brazil, Williams, 69, 1; 18. Heikki Kovalainen, Finland, Caterham, 69, 1; 19. Vitaly Petrov, Russia, Caterham, 69, 1; 20. Charles Pic, France, Marussia, 67, 3.
Not Classified — 21. Timo Glock, Germany, Marussia, 56; 22. Michael Schumacher, Germany, Mercedes, 43; 23. Pedro de la Rosa, Spain, HRT, 24; 24. Narain Karthikeyan, India, HRT, 22.
F1 DRIVER'S CHAMPIONSHIP
(after seventh of 20 races)
1. Lewis Hamilton, England, McLaren, 88 points; 2. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Ferrari, 86; 3. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Red Bull, 85; 4. Mark Webber, Australia, Red Bull, 79; 5. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 67; 6. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Lotus, 55; 7. Romain Grosjean, France, Lotus, 53; 8. Jenson Button, England, McLaren, 45; 9. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Sauber, 37; 10. Pastor Maldonado, Venezuela, Williams, 29.

NASCAR SPRINT CUP POCONO 400

Yesterday's results
At Long Pond, Pa.
1. (1) Joey Logano, Toyota, 160 laps, 133.7 rating, 48 points, US$226,725; 2. (6) Mark Martin, Toyota, 160, 116.5, 43, $153,535; 3. (22) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 160, 96.6, 41, $181,610; 4. (24) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 160, 101.4, 40, $159,346; 5. (5) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 160, 105.7, 40, $143,676; 6. (16) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 160, 86.6, 38, $122,849; 7. (14) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 160, 117.6, 38, $135,646; 8. (8) Dale Earnhardt, Jr., Chevrolet, 160, 126.8, 37, $93,260; 9. (3) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 160, 100.3, 35, $92,810; 10. (11) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 160, 89, 35, $114,468.
11. (2) Carl Edwards, Ford, 160, 79.3, 33, $123,326; 12. (18) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 160, 95.6, 32, $119,243; 13. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 160, 101.2, 31, $105,868; 14. (21) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 160, 81.4, 30, $122,121; 15. (20) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 160, 81, 29, $115,235; 16. (7) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 160, 74.7, 28, $101,393; 17. (17) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 160, 74.3, 28, $104,826; 18. (31) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 160, 60.6, 26, $108,930; 19. (12) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 160, 92.5, 25, $118,521; 20. (23) Martin Truex, Jr., Toyota, 160, 67.2, 24, $102,449.
21. (25) David Reutimann, Chevrolet, 160, 63.5, 23, $97,868; 22. (27) Bobby Labonte, Toyota, 160, 63.1, 22, $95,518; 23. (36) David Gilliland, Ford, 160, 57.1, 22, $84,668; 24. (13) Greg Biffle, Ford, 160, 83.2, 21, $80,785; 25. (42) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, 159, 49.1, 19, $72,985; 26. (37) Travis Kvapil, Toyota, 159, 45.6, 18, $89,757; 27. (34) David Ragan, Ford, 159, 48.3, 18, $71,935; 28. (29) Aric Almirola, Ford, 158, 61.4, 16, $108,721; 29. (10) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, accident, 139, 87.4, 15, $79,135; 30. (4) Kyle Busch, Toyota, engine, 76, 70.6, 14, $117,193.

GOLF

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At Memphis, Tenn.
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Final Round

Dustin Johnson, $1,008,000	70-68-67-66—271
John Merrick, $604,800	66-69-69-68—272
Chad Campbell, $268,800	68-67-70-68—273
Davis Love III, $268,800	68-68-68-69—273
Nick O'Hern, $268,800	70-67-67-69—273
Ryan Palmer, $268,800	74-66-67-66—273
Robert Allenby, $168,700	68-70-67-69—274
Ken Duke, $168,700	68-68-73-65—274
Rory McIlroy, $168,700	68-65-72-69—274
Seung-Yul Noh, $168,700	67-69-72-66—274
Greg Owen, $134,400	72-67-71-65—275
Kevin Stadler, $134,400	69-65-71-70—275
Martin Flores, $98,933	72-70-69-65—276
William McGirt, $98,933	71-69-68-68—276
Also	
David Hearn, $18,512	**72-69-70-71—282**
Matt McQuillan, $10,920	**71-69-76-73—289**

LPGA WEGMANS CHAMPIONSHIP

At Pittsford, N.Y.
Par 72 (35-37)
Final Round

Shanshan Feng, $375,000	72-73-70-67—282
Mika Miyazato, $158,443	70-72-73-69—284
Stacy Lewis, $158,443	72-72-70-70—284
Suzann Pettersen, $158,443	71-72-71-70—284
Eun-Hee Ji, $158,443	75-68-69-72—284
Ai Miyazato, $73,285	70-74-73-68—285
Gerina Piller, $73,285	74-71-72-68—285
Karrie Webb, $73,285	74-71-68-72—285
Also	
Maude-Aimee Leblanc, $13,263	**72-73-75-75—295**
Alena Sharp, $5,829	**77-71-78-76—302**

CHAMPIONS REGIONS TRADITION

At Birmingham, Ala.
Par 72 — Final Round

Tom Lehman, $335,000	69-69-68-68—274
Bernhard Langer, $177,460	68-71-71-66—276
Chien Soon Lu, $177,460	72-69-69-66—276
Fred Couples, $132,000	73-72-68-65—278
Russ Cochran, $96,800	69-68-72-70—279
Bill Glasson, $96,800	66-69-74-70—279
Brad Bryant, $74,800	69-69-71-71—280
Jeff Sluman, $74,800	70-68-70-72—280
Michael Allen, $59,400	73-72-69-67—281
Fred Funk, $59,400	67-71-71-72—281
Dan Forsman, $50,600	66-73-71-72—282
Peter Senior, $50,600	71-71-66-74—282
Jay Haas, $39,600	73-72-68-70—283
Morris Hatalsky, $39,600	70-73-70-70—283
Wayne Levi, $39,600	70-71-73-69—283
Steve Pate, $39,600	73-70-69-71—283
Kenny Perry, $39,600	74-67-71-71—283
Mark Calcavecchia, $32,010	73-69-73-69—284
David Frost, $32,010	74-71-69-70—284
Mike Goodes, $29,040	70-70-75-70—285
Jay Don Blake, $26,400	74-74-69-69—286
Rod Spittle, $26,400	**73-70-70-73—286**
Bob Tway, $24,200	74-67-74-72—287

NATIONWIDE MEXICO OPEN

At Leon, Mexico
Par 72 — Final Round

Lee Williams, $112,500	69-67-68-70—274
Paul Haley II, $67,500	65-71-71-68—275
Scott Gutschewski, $42,500	70-69-71-66—276
Philip Pettitt, Jr., $27,500	68-74-67-68—277
Tyrone Van Aswegen, $27,500	69-70-67-71—277
Brian Stuard, $18,906	67-73-71-67—278
Julian Etulain, $18,906	70-71-70-67—278
Casey Wittenberg, $18,906	70-68-72-68—278
Andy Pope, $18,906	73-70-65-70—278
Aaron Goldberg, $18,906	72-68-68-70—278
Matt Hendrix, $18,906	68-70-67-73—278
Tim Wilkinson, $14,375	73-67-73-66—279
Also	
Adam Hadwin, $9,063	**68-71-70-72—281**
James Love, $3,813	**66-76-73-71—286**
Bryan DeCorso, $2,375	**71-74-72-72—289**
Brad Fritsch, $2,016	**74-70-75-72—291**
Jon Mills, $2,016	**66-71-78-76—291**

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best of 7)
All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE
MIAMI (2) VS. BOSTON (4)
(Miami won series 4-3)
Saturday's result
Miami 101 Boston 88

WESTERN CONFERENCE
SAN ANTONIO (1) VS. OKLAHOMA CITY (2)
(Oklahoma City won series 4-2)

NBA FINAL

(Best of 7)
OKLAHOMA CITY (W2) VS. MIAMI (E2)
Tomorrow's game
Miami at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m
Thursday's game
Miami at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
Sunday, June 17
Oklahoma City at Miami, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, June 19
Oklahoma City at Miami, 9 p.m.
Thursday, June 21
x-Oklahoma City at Miami, 9 p.m.
Sunday, June 24
x-Miami at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, June 26
x-Miami at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.
x — played only if necessary.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
D.C. United	15	8	4	3	28	19	27
New York	13	8	3	2	26	18	26
Kansas City	12	8	3	1	17	10	25
Columbus	12	5	4	3	13	13	18
Chicago	13	5	5	3	15	17	18
Houston	12	4	4	4	13	15	16
New England	13	5	7	1	18	18	16
Montreal	13	3	7	3	15	21	12
Philadelphia	11	2	7	2	8	14	8
Toronto	10	1	9	0	8	21	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Real Salt Lake	14	9	3	2	22	14	29
San Jose	14	8	3	3	27	17	27
Seattle	13	7	3	3	16	9	24
Vancouver	13	6	3	4	16	15	22
Colorado	13	6	6	1	20	18	19
Chivas USA	13	4	6	3	9	14	15
Portland	12	3	5	4	12	15	13
Dallas	15	3	8	4	15	24	13
Los Angeles	13	3	8	2	15	21	11

Last night's result
Vancouver 3 Houston 1
Saturday, June 16 — All Times Eastern
Colorado at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m

EURO 2012

FIRST ROUND

All Times Eastern
GROUP A
Friday's results
At Warsaw, Poland
Poland 1 Greece 1
At Wroclaw, Poland
Russia 4 Czech Republic 1
Tomorrow's games
At Wroclaw, Poland
Greece vs. Czech Republic, noon
At Warsaw, Poland
Poland vs. Russia, 2:45 p.m.
GROUP B
Saturday's results
At Kharkiv, Ukraine
Denmark 1 Netherlands 0
At Lviv, Ukraine
Germany 1 Portugal 0
GROUP C
Yesterday's results
At Gdansk, Poland
Spain 1 Italy 1
At Poznan, Poland
Croatia 3 Ireland 1
GROUP D
Today's games
At Donetsk, Ukraine
France vs. England, noon
At Kiev, Ukraine
Ukraine vs. Sweden, 2:45 p.m.

WORLD CUP QUALIFYING

SOUTH AMERICA

Yesterday's results
At Quito, Ecuador
Ecuador 1 Colombia 0
At Montevideo, Uruguay
Uruguay 4 Peru 2

OCEANIA

NATIONS CUP

At Honiara, Solomon Islands
Yesterday's results
Championship
Tahiti 1 New Caledonia 0
Third Place
New Zealand 4 Solomon Islands 3

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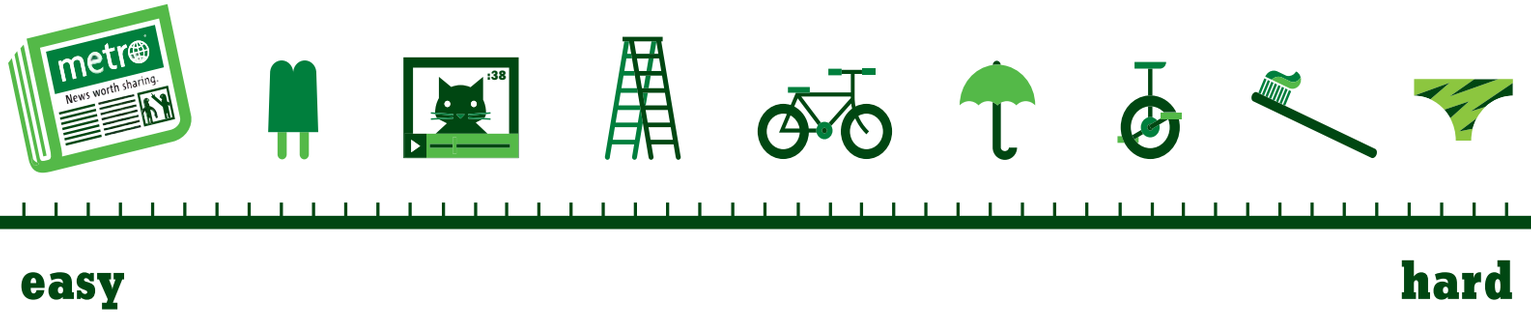

James and Durant set to go head-to-head

NBA. Dominant Heat star pitted against Thunder's offensive juggernaut in finals

Several weeks before this season even started, LeBron James and Kevin Durant were competing against each other.

Hell Week, they called it, a four-day series of gruelling workouts.

Starting Tuesday, they'll meet again. They'll call that the NBA finals.

Neither was playing at the level they are now when James invited Durant to work out with him during the NBA lockout in his hometown of Akron, Ohio. Now as James tries to win his first ring, fittingly, it's Durant in his way.

"It's only right. It's only right," James said. "We look forward to the challenge. It's going to be a big test for us."

James played at a rarely seen level in the Eastern Conference finals against the Boston Celtics. According to STATS LLC, James became the first player since Shaquille O'Neal in the 2000 finals to have six 30-point games in a playoff series. In the one contest where James didn't score 30, he finished with 29 in Game 4, fouling out in overtime.

"He was absolutely brilliant this series, and we all know it," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "He's playing at a historic level during the playoffs, driving us with his will."

There's little argument that James and Durant have been the stars of the postseason. James is averaging 30.8 points, 9.6 rebounds and 5.1 assists, while Durant is at 27.8 points, 7.9 rebounds and 4.2 assists. But while Durant is celebrated for what he's doing as a 23-year-old on the rise, James gets the constant reminder of how he's a 27-year-old without a championship despite moving to Miami.

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Dwyane Wade, left, and LeBron James celebrate their win over Boston in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals in Miami. MIKE EHRMANN/GETTY IMAGES FILE

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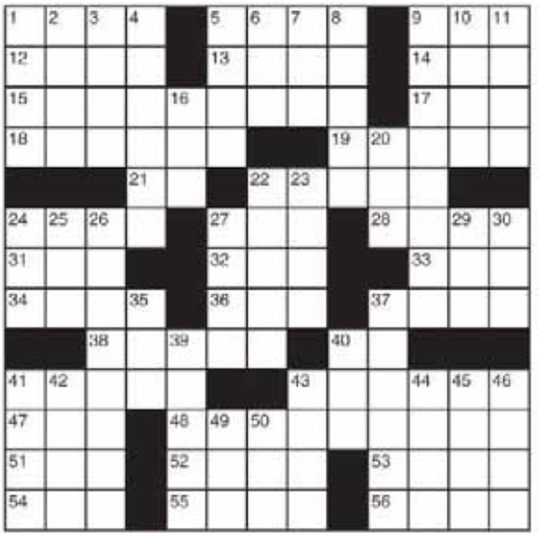
Crossword

Across

1 Comedian Jay
5 Oil cartel
9 Gym event
12 Duel tool
13 Deck in the ring
14 Mamie's man
15 Formidable request
17 Martini base
18 Wool provider
19 Wan
21 Tagged player
22 Let
24 Hardly hirsute
27 Pair
28 Old Italian bread
31 Id counterpart
32 Altar affirmative
33 Agt.
34 Depressed
36 Pinch
37 Toward the sunset
38 Its participants must form a line
40 Derisive laugh
41 USNA freshman
43 Merchant of Venice heroine
47 Verily
48 Stenog's skill
51 Felonious flight
52 Exhaust
53 Roughly
54 Em halves
55 Nimble
56 Oodles

Down

1 Transcending (Pref.)
2 16-Down's birthstone
3 Succor
4 Moved the carpeting
5 Gumbo base
6 Cushion
7 Storm centre
8 Reef material
9 Circus star's walkway
10 Tom Joad, e.g.
11 Teller's partner
16 See 2-Down (Abbr.)
20 Costa del —
22 Sound
23 Aerobatic maneuver
24 Foundation
25 Past
26 Short-range headlights
27 Bell noise
29 Dos' neighbours
30 Likely
35 Pen point
37 Soup-can painter
39 Bird houses?
40 Stolen
41 Nabors role
42 Slender
43 Quarry
44 Poi base
45 "Meet Me — Louis"
46 Commotions
49 With it
50 Bobby of hockey



Sudoku

4			7	2				3
	7					9	6	
	1			9	5			8
					1			4
		9				5		
2			8					
3			1	4			8	
	2	4					7	
9				6	7			1

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	3	5	2	9	1	6	4	7
1	2	6	7	3	4	5	9	8
7	4	9	8	5	6	2	1	3
3	1	8	5	6	7	4	2	9
9	6	4	3	1	2	7	8	5
2	5	7	4	8	9	3	6	1
6	8	3	1	4	5	9	7	2
5	7	1	9	2	6	8	3	4
4	9	2	6	7	3	1	5	6

Friday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

PDWO PEFJ IOETIFL IBW HWBK TIOOWBFK, LDARFJ KAR LIK YDWK'BW AO YDWEB XWILY XWDIHEAB?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AS YOUNG TEENAGE BOYS, MIGHT A SMALL GROUP OF FUTURE LOGGERS HAVE AN OVERNIGHT LUMBER PARTY?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals R

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. This is a good day for socializing, for spending quality time with your friends.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Enjoy yourself today but make sure you know your limits and make sure you stay within them.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Jupiter moves into your sign today, signaling the start of a more fortunate phase, but don't expect too much.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You are under no obligation to work your fingers to the bone, nor are you obliged to rescue a friend or work colleague from a situation that is entirely of their own making.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. The moment you start to believe that nothing can possibly go wrong is often the moment when you are in the most danger.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. The more you want something to happen today the more likely it is you will overreach yourself and make a serious mistake.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You will be on the move in some fashion today. Where you go and what you do is entirely up to you but, for best results, try to make it some place that inspires you mentally, emotionally and spiritually too.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You will be in a dreamy mood today but you need to be serious too, especially about money issues which involve other people.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Partners and colleagues will grant any favor you ask of them today — so ask away!

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Resist the urge to rush things, especially on the work front where you won't do your reputation much good if you do too much too quickly and make silly mistakes.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Jupiter, planet of good fortune, moves in your favour today but that does not mean you can do as you please.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Be wary of people who try to baffle you by introducing facts and figures that have no relevance to what you are working on.

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